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Every Saturday for the rest of December, parking will be free on Saturdays in the City to enable residents to support local business with holiday shopping.

RIVERFRONT MASTER PLAN PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR DEC. 11

In partnership with Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya, a Riverfront Master Plan meeting will be held at the Point of Pines Yacht Club (28 Rice Avenue) on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, from 6:00pm-7:30pm. It will also be broadcast on RevereTV. The purpose of this community meeting is to discuss the city's submission of MEPA SEIR (Single Environmental Impact Report) for the 1A Roundabout and Gibson Park Access Road, as well as updates related to the Gibson Park Resiliency Project. The SEIR filing will be available for public

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RESIDENTS HONORED AT COUNCIL MEETING



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Retired Revere firefighter Louis J. Iovine (above, far right) received a Certificate of Merit from the City Council Monday night in recognition of his 39 years of commendable public service at Central Fire Station, Ladder Company 2. Pictured with the honoree are colleagues (from left) Deputy Chief Joe Laurano, Assistant Chief James Cullen, and Firefighter Giancarlo Pani. In the photo (right) City Councillors Angela Guarino-Sawaya and Juan Jaramillo present a Certificate of Commendation to Lorena Escolero in recognition of her work as the City of Revere's Conservation Agent and Community Development Planner. Please see more photos on Page 13.



American Legion proposed as site of winter warming center

By Adam Swift

The city is looking to bring its overnight warming center to the American Legion building on Broadway this winter.

For the past two years, the warming center has been operated through the city by the nonprofit

Housing Families at the senior center.

Earlier this year, city Public Health Director Lauren Buck said the city was looking to open a warming center at a location on Revere Street this winter. However, several city councillors, including Ward 5 Councillor Angela

Guarino-Sawaya, raised concerns about the location being in a residential neighborhood.

At Monday night's council meeting, Guarino-Sawaya and several other councillors expressed their support for

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Council proposes hearing on noise ordinance changes

By Adam Swift

The city council has scheduled a public hearing on proposed changes to Revere's noise ordinance for its regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 27.

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya introduced a motion earlier this year requesting the city look at revising the noise ordinance.

"Upon receipt of Mayor Keefe's approval of Council Order 24-270 in September, I began working with Lieutenant Sean Randall of the Revere Police Department to research ways in which the city could update its noise control ordinance," said Claire Inzerillo, the city's policy writer and analyst.

In addition, Inzerillo said she worked with municipal inspections director Michael Wells and building commissioner Louis Cavnagaro on the proposal that was brought before the council on Monday night.

"The changes are small, there are not a whole lot of them, but a lot of the work has been done on the police side to update their

ticketing," she said.

If the ordinance changes are approved by the council, Inzerillo said they will be handed back to the police department so that it can move forward with amending its internal procedures.

According to Inzerillo, in comparison to other cities of comparable size in the region, Revere's "maximum allowable octave band sound pressure levels" are up to date.

"However, we are proposing that noise disturbances such as loading and unloading, construction (exceptions apply), and dumpster operation be prohibited after 8 p.m., instead of 9 p.m.," Inzerillo stated.

In addition, she stated that the police department is working with the Metro North Regional Communications Center to review the finalized noise ordinance and create a protocol for how to dispatch calls to noise disturbances.

"Residents are advised to call the Department of Municipal Inspections during normal business hours for noise complaints

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ConsCom hears of plans for redesign of Route 1A at GE Bridge

By Journal Staff

The Revere Conservation Commission (ConsCom) held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday evening, December 4, in the City Council Chambers. Chair Nicholas Rudolph and fellow members Brian Averback, Bernardo Sepulveda, Joseph LaValle, Wilson Correa, Amelia Viscay, and Thomas Carleton were on hand for the lengthy (almost two hours) session that touched upon a number of ongoing and future projects in the city.

The first matter was a request for a Certificate of Compliance (COC) from Redgate Capital Partners for the 291-unit residential complex at 22 Whitin Ave. at Gibson Point. Katie Cruz from Hancock Assoc. presented the request on behalf of Redgate, telling the commissioners that "the site work is complete and stabilized."

Members of the commission walked the site within the past few weeks, with Rudolph noting that there are still some trees to be planted and

electrical work to be done.

Correa expressed a concern about the amount of trash that he had seen during his site visit, but Cruz assured him that the contractor will be setting out trash receptacles and that a written maintenance plan has been submitted by the developer to keep the area free of trash going forward.

There were no objections and the commission unanimously approved issuing the COC.

Julie DeMauro from the city's Planning Dept. came before the commission to make a preliminary presentation regarding "proposed improvements, phasing, and design alternatives on the Route 1A Roundabout project." The project also will include an access road to Gibson Park (which is Phase 2 of the overall project).

DeMauro said the city submitted an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) a few days previously to the Mass. Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA). Representatives from the engineering firm Weston & Sampson and from the traffic study firm Howard Stein Hudson presented an overview of the project. They said that the project is slated to get underway in early 2025, at which time they will be coming before the ConsCom to request a Notice of Intent (NOI) before work begins. The project is expected

to take about two years to complete. The work on this project will have no impact on the state's proposal for a new General Edwards Bridge. In addition, the city's new fire station at the Pt. of Pines is expected to be completed before the road work gets

underway. One benefit of the project is that it will reduce response time significantly from the new fire station to the Pt. of Pines neighborhood on the other side of Route 1A. They also explained the lack of impact of the project on the nearby dunes and bar-

rier beaches and noted that there will be additional dune plantings as part of the project.

Next up was a continuation of a hearing for an NOI by Stephen Lakis regarding his project at

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REVERE SOCIETY FOR CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION HOSTS HOLIDAY GATHERING



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTOS

Shown above, Richie and RoseLee Vincent, Lee Sasso, Joyce and Tom DiNuccio during the RSCHP Holiday gathering at the Revere History Museum.



Shown left, Museum volunteer, Rhea Heaven, speaking with George and his wife, Sharon Brennan, and a friend during the Holiday Gathering. See more photos on Page 20

Chief Bright recognized for contributions to HRC

By Journal Staff

The Revere Human Rights Commission (HRC) held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening, December 5, in the City Council Chamber. On hand for the session were chair Chaimaa (Shay) Hossaini and fellow members Dr. Lourenco Garcia, Kourou Pich, Molly McGee, Police Chief Dave Callahan, and Somaya Laroussi. Steve Morabito, the city's DEI Director, also was on hand for the meeting.

The session began with the members reading the HRC's Mission Statement:

"The Mission of the Revere Human Rights Commission is to promote human and civil rights and empower all people of Revere by ensuring that everyone, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized, have equitable opportunities, equal access, and are treated with dignity, respect, fairness, and justice."

Hossaini then presented the usual Land Acknowledgement, in which the Pawtucket tribe was recognized as "the original holder of the land."

Dr. Garcia, the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, explained to the members that the Massachusetts Immigration Advocacy Coalition was scheduled to come to the Learning Commons at Revere High School on December 10 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to provide infor-

mation to Revere students and their families, many of whom Garcia said are undocumented, about their Constitutional rights.

"As we all know, we have a different climate in this country now," said Garcia. "We are worried about some of the ideas that have been put in motion by the incoming administration, especially the idea of mass deportation. It is our job as leaders of the community to stand up and advocate for those whose voices always have been absent from the decision-making process. These are students and the people we interact with every day. They are the ones who make up the fabric of the city. We want to bring in as many organizations into the city as possible to train these families."

"We need to stand together and work together to defeat the trend that we see eveloving in this country. We need to create a space in this community where everybody feels safe," Garcia added.

The members then acknowledged the contributions to the commission of Revere Fire Chief Chris Bright, who was a member of the HRC when it was reconstituted in 2020 by then-Mayor Brian Arrigo. Bright is retiring from the RFD and is stepping down from his seat on the HRC.

"Chief Bright is a consummate professional who has been dedicated to the Fire Department and

the City of Revere for over 35 years," said Callahan. "He's always been there for the community and the community always has come first with Chief Bright. He will be missed by this commission."

"Chief Bright is a professional and a man with a lot of integrity," added Garcia. "He taught me a lot about the community when I first came to this city. He really embraced the cause of defending human rights and universal values and issues related to equity and inclusion. He certainly will be missed."

"Chief Bright is an amazing individual of great integrity and character," said Morabito, who is a former City Councillor. "I've known him and his family for a long time and worked with him when I was on the City Council. He always was willing to listen and always took the time to deal with issues that residents brought up."

Pich, who is the Chief Executive Officer of the domestic violence organization HarborCOV, recalled how Bright was willing to stand up for, and support, survivors of domestic violence. "Chief Bright will be missed terribly," said Pich.

Morabito then read a Certificate of Recognition for Bright's work with the HRC from Mayor Patrick Keefe. Morabito also read the inscription on a plaque from the HRC acknowledging Bright's contributions to the HRC.

Chelsea in talks to join Revere and Winthrop in regional dispatch operations

By Adam Swift

Chelsea could soon be joining the Metro North Regional Emergency

Communication Center (RECC) alongside neighbors Winthrop and Revere, according to a joint letter from the leaders of

the three communities.

"This initiative, which has been in the works for nearly a decade, aims to combine our 911 dispatch operations into a shared, state-of-the-art facility at the McKinley School in Revere," stated the letter from Winthrop Town Manager Tony Marino, Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe, and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. "This move follows a growing trend across Massachusetts and represents a strategic effort to enhance public safety for our communities."

According to the letter, it is still early in the process for Chelsea to join Winthrop and Revere in the RECC, but it did high-

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REVERE LODGE OF ELKS 1171 ANNUAL MEMORIAL TO REMEMBER MEMBERS LOST DURING THE PAST YEAR



Last Sunday morning the Revere Lodge of Elks 1171 gathered for a memorial service to remember those members that have died over the past year.

A brief but sincere ceremony was conducted by Exalted Ruler Sandra DeFrancisco, Chaplin Daniel Powell Sr and the officers of the lodge. Following the ceremony a collation was offered to the lodge members and their guests.

Remembering, Leo Walsh, Paul Evans, Bernard Ranahan Jr., Anthony Frizzi, Frank Coppola, Anthony Saponaro Jr., Frank Pazyra, and Arthur Flavin.

Shown above, Exalted Ruler of Revere Lodge of Elks 1171 Sandra DeFrancisco and officers: Susan Friburg, Anthony Giachenta, Anessa Schena, David Fuentes, Kimberly Fall, Michael Smith, Stephen Morrison, Gene Hannon, Carolyn Maloney, Daniel Powell Sr., and Laura Evans.

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102 Summer Street "for removal of an inground pool, garage, and replacement of a retention wall."

Ryan Roseen, an Environmental Scientist with Goddard Consulting, explained the scope of the project to the commissioners. However, commissioner Carleton questioned the design of the retaining wall and the ability of the wall being proposed to bear the load behind it.

"This needs to be redesigned and looked at. It would be irresponsible for us to approve this proposal," said Carleton, an opinion that was echoed by Rudolph.

Lakis agreed to redesign the wall per the suggestions of Carleton and Rudolph. In addition, Lakis still must obtain permits from the Building Department related to the demolition, as well as obtain a review from the state DEP.

An owner of the adjacent condo property, which originally had been part of the same lot as 102 Summer St., expressed her support for the project, which will address a number of issues relating to the property line and their National Grid electric service.

The commission voted to approve the issuance of the NOI on the condition

that Lakis submit a new plan with the redesigned wall.

The commission then took up a request for a Determination of Applicability by the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for its Winthrop Parkway street-light maintenance project. Tom Keough, an environmentalist scientist from AECOM, explained the scope of the work to the members. He noted that several street lights along Winthrop Parkway in Beachmont presently are not working because of a faulty underground line. He said the project will take one day and will have no impact on the adjacent beachfront area.

After a brief discussion, the commissioners voted for a negative Determination of Applicability, which means that the project will not come within the jurisdiction of the ConsCom going forward.

Cody Gardner presented a request for an NOI for the "demolition of existing deck and construction of an addition" at 193 Rice Ave. Mr. Gardner and his engineer presented the plans to the commissioners for the addition, the purpose of which is to enlarge the living space for the Gardners, who are expecting twins. The Zoning Board of Appeals has

given its approval to the project.

The commissioners had questions about the pilings for the addition and for management of stormwater from the roof, inasmuch as the plans did not make any calculations or references to retention of stormwater runoff.

The commission voted to approve the NOI, conditioned upon the engineer providing a new plan with the inclusion of a stormwater management plan.

The commission voted for a negative Determination of Applicability from Revere MA II Owner, LLC, for the "proposed clearance and clean up on the property" (as well as construction of a fence) at 3 Furlong Drive, which is adjacent to the Federal Express property and is part of the overall development of a modern warehouse center by the applicant.

The developer previously obtained an NOI for its demolition work of the old Global Petroleum storage tanks and buildings, but this request pertained only to cleaning up the trash and debris from the adjacent marshland, as well as construction of the fence.

It was noted that there presently is a homeless encampment on the site.

The commission voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance to the McClellan Highway Development Company, LLC, for the "construction of a flood resiliency berm at the southerly end of Washburn Avenue."

The berm is necessary for the water retention pond that will become part of the landscape of the Suffolk Downs development project. Jeff Murphy, a civil engineer with Beals and Thomas, presented the request to the commission and included photos of the project, which took about 16 months to complete.

The commission voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance to Hugo Rizzuto for the construction of a single-family dwelling at 265 Rice Ave. The issuance of the certificate brings to a conclusion an eight-year odyssey for Mr. Rizzuto, who initially came before the ConsCom in 2016.

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SPOTLIGHT

The holidays are here! Tune in to the Annual Robert A. Marra Memorial Sounds of Christmas Concert live on the Community Channel on Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 PM. This event takes place at St. Anthony's of Padua Parish but will stream live on RTV's YouTube page and television. To get ready for the live event, the channel is scheduled every day with at least one Sounds of Christmas Concert from years dating back to 2012. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be scheduled with marathons of Sounds of Christmas Concerts including replays of this year's event.

On November 30th, RevereTV joined the community at the Priscilla Nickerson Memorial Scholarship Fund event to support Revere students in honor of Priscilla Nickerson, a dedicated local leader. Afterward, the Santa parade headed to City Hall for the city's official tree lighting! Santa and the Grinch made their annual visit to light the tree, and families enjoyed fun activities like inflatables, cookie decorating, a trackless train, and reindeer rides. We caught it all on camera so check out the footage on the Community Channel for all the sights, sounds, and interviews!

A recording of this year's Revere High School Talent Show is now scheduled on the Community Channel and posted to YouTube. This was last Thursday, December 5th. You can also view coverage of the Revere History Museum Holiday Gathering and Beachmont Improvement Committee's Annual Tree Lighting. RTV covered the annual Thanksgiving Day Football Game, and the replay of this game is playing on the Community Channel for the next few weeks. You can now also watch Revere High School football games from this season on RevereTV's YouTube page. The Community Channel is 8 and 1072 on Comcast and 3 and 614 for RCN subscribers.

Government meetings will end for the year by December 20th. All meetings will play live on RTV GOV when they happen and then replay afterward for the following few weeks. There is a meeting hiatus for the holidays during the last two weeks of 2024 and things will pick back up again in January. RTV GOV will stay scheduled with replays of the meetings from the month of December during this time. All recorded meetings are also posted to YouTube to view at your convenience. RTV GOV is channel 9 on Comcast and channels 13 and 613 for RCN subscribers.

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The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra will take their annual place around the Altar at St. Anthony's Church for the Robert A Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" concert Sunday at St. Anthony's Church at 4 p.m.

'Sounds of Christmas' concert this Sunday

Special to the Journal

Music Director Robert Lehmann and the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra return to St. Anthony's Church Sunday December 15 for the annual Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" Concert. The concert gets underway at 4 p.m.

As has been the tradition since 1990, the concert's private sponsorship makes admission to the concert free for all, but everyone attending the concert is asked to bring a generous donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Revere Food Pantry.

The concert is sponsored by Revere's Bocchino Insurance Company, Massport, NeighborHealth (formerly East Boston Neighborhood Health Center), Xfinity, Astound Broadband, and Action Emergency Services.

North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra president and concert co-chair Robert Marra Jr. praised the sponsors for their continued support. "Year after year, the sponsors make sure this concert is part of our city's holiday celebration, in both the Orchestra's performance, but also with the Food Drive."

Concert co-chair Dom Bocchino, president of Bocchino Insurance, praised his fellow sponsors. "This is a way for businesses to be a much larger member of the community," said Bocchino, who took on a sponsorship role in 2006. "The chance to bring the Orchestra to Revere, and then turn that into a huge food drive, is



Music Director Robert Lehmann will conduct the NSPO in the Robert A Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas."

an inspiration," he said.

Marra also emphasized the food drive that is associated with the concert that is named in his father's memory. "Of course, we all love the music and the holiday excitement that comes with the concert, but the food drive makes it special because it exemplifies the true meaning of the holidays, the sense of sharing and helping others," he said. "When the people who come to the concert fill up the hundreds of boxes with food, it magnifies the generosity of the businesses that sponsor the concert." The concert annually raises nearly three tons of food that is donated and distributed through the Revere Food Pantry at the First Congregational Church.

"We have members of the St. Anthony's Holy Name Society, the church's Faith Formation students, and members of the Revere High football team who all volunteer to pack the food and load it into a truck provided by Mike Zaccaria at Action Emergency Services," said Bocchino. "It's real

community teamwork."

The annual "Sounds of Christmas" concert tradition dates to 1976 when North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra played a holiday concert at Revere High School as part of the city's celebration of the nation's bicentennial. The concert moved to St. Anthony's sanctuary the following year. "The concert was a tremendous success right from the start. Every year someone tells me how this concert has been part of their family tradition for so many years."

In addition to the musical part of the program, the concert features an original essay written and narrated by a Revere High School student. "We started this in 2016 and it has been very well-received," said Marra. "It's a chance to have a student's voice deliver a meaningful message. And it ties Revere High to the concert, something my father would appreciate." This year's concert will feature RHS senior Sarah Bruno.

The concert is named in memory of violinist Robert A. Marra, a lifelong Revere resident and teacher at Revere High School who was concertmaster of the Orchestra for over 50 years before his death in 2002.

The audience that packs St. Anthony's is as much a joy for the Orchestra as the concert is for the patrons. Marra noted that "At this time of year, musicians can be pretty busy, and it is demanding work, but they all love coming to Revere where the audience is so attentive and enthusiastic."

Metropolitan Beaches Commission annual hearing focuses on climate adaptations and access for all to state's recreational beaches

Special to the Journal

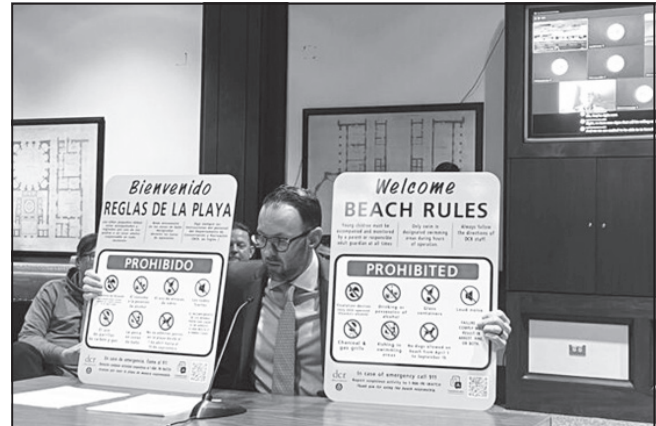
On Monday Nov. 18 at 10am, the Metropolitan Beaches Commission and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay hosted their annual hearing on the state of the beaches at the Massachusetts State House. The hearing featured testimony from Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Brian Arrigo on the progress the agency has made toward infrastructure, maintenance and equity recommendations by the Commission, as well as a discussion of the vulnerability of the recreational beaches to storm surge and sea level rise.

"I have really appreciated the responsiveness from DCR over the past year under Commissioner Arrigo," said MBC Co-Chair, Senator Brendan Crighton. "While we continue to make progress on our water quality issues on the North Shore, our district regularly sees the impact of storms on our coasts, seawalls and beaches. MBC looks forward to supporting DCR in understanding the vulnerabilities our beaches face."

I've seen first-hand how much people in my district in East Boston rely on Constitution Beach for recreation, especially in the hottest summer on record," said MBC Co-Chair Rep. Adrian Madero. "I know East Boston residents are eager for infrastructure updates to this critical natural resource, so I look forward to learning about the progress that DCR has made under Commissioner Arrigo. In addition, I am interested in their accomplishments towards the equity recommendations in last year's Breaking Barriers report and hearing about goals for the coming beach season."

Arrigo testified to the Commission, highlighting the actions DCR took in 2024 to address the MBC's recommendations for improved beach access for non-English speakers, people with disabilities and people of color.

"Having access to beaches, parks, and green spaces is a matter of eq-



DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo showcases new multilingual signage to be posted on Metropolitan Beaches to more clearly communicate beach rules and regulations.

uity," Arrigo affirmed. "As we experience more and more periods of climate-change driven extreme heat during our summers, it's vitally important that all of our residents and families feel welcome at and can safely enjoy our beaches to cool off. These spaces build healthy communities. We are grateful to the Commission and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for their continued partnership in our work to break down accessibility barriers to our Metro Beaches."

To that end, in the past two years, DCR has introduced new water safety and shorebird protection signs, featuring QR codes that offer translations into nine additional languages. Additionally, every Metropolitan Beach now hosts welcome signage in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, Arabic, Mandarin, Traditional Chinese, and Russian. DCR will also be installing new easier to understand English and Spanish beach rules signs at all beaches, ahead of the 2025 summer season. The new signs, which will be available in the nine languages via a QR code, feature logos reminding beachgoers not to engage in certain activities for their safety.

DCR also invested more than \$300,000 on new beach wheelchairs and over 1,000 feet of mobility mats. Over the last two years, DCR has added 44 new beach wheelchairs to the Metro Beaches. The DCR Universal Access Program, tasked with providing adaptive and accessible recreation opportunities, worked alongside Save the Harbor staff to

conduct an accessibility audit of public beaches in 2023, and this data is being used to plan future capital projects. Save the Harbor also established the Beach Accessibility Advisory Committee to help update DCR lifeguard training.

Finally, Save the Harbor's Executive Director Chris Mancini commended Commissioner Arrigo's continued support for the Better Beaches Partnership, which aims to give decision-making power directly to community members over community spaces. This year, Save the Harbor distributed \$315,000 in grants to 83 community groups, artists, and coalitions to host free events all summer long on DCR beaches. "72% of our 2024 Better Beaches grantees are led by or directly serve people of color," Mancini reported.

Following Commissioner Arrigo's testimony, Save the Harbor Policy Manager Jason Rundle presented an update on the Commission's work around coastal resilience, which featured 11 community climate workshops in 2024. "Understanding that the vast majority of community members value their beaches as spaces for rest and recreation emphasizes the importance of preserving these resources," said Rundle. "We need to take a look at both short-term vulnerabilities to storm surges and long-term beach migration and sea level rise so that we can support the state in developing interventions that can protect our beaches."

Finally, the hearing opened to public comment during which residents from across the region brought attention to instances of poor water quality on some beaches, improvements to bathhouses and public bathrooms, and the need to reevaluate the state testing and flagging protocols that communicate when beaches are open and closed to the public.

Looking ahead, the MBC intends to prioritize better understanding of the beaches' vulnerability, consistent efforts to improve equity and accessibility, as well as ongoing maintenance and infrastructure improvements to playgrounds, seawalls, plantings and other needs as identified by beachgoers in each community. The MBC Commissioners agreed that each of the 13 Metropolitan beaches needs its own vulnerability assessment to plan adaptations in the face of increasing climate impacts. Save the Harbor is looking forward to supporting DCR in this effort in 2025.

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BEACHMONT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HOSTS ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING AND CLOTHING DRIVE

Courtesy Photos

The Beachmont Improvement Committee (BIC) hosted its Annual Community Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 8, at 5 p.m. at Beachmont Community Park at Douglas Cummings Square (in front of the Julia Ward Howe building on Crescent Avenue).

The evening featured a special performance by the Beachmont Elementary School Choral Club and a visit from Santa and

Mrs. Claus, who helped count down to the tree lighting and posed for pictures by the tree. Attendees enjoyed plenty of hot chocolate and holiday treats.

In conjunction with the event, the BIC conducted its annual Clothing Drive to benefit students at Beachmont Elementary School. The committee collected new winter clothing items, such as coats, hats, gloves, socks, and pajamas, leading up to the event.



Beachmont School Principal Chris Freisen and his daughter.



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by the RFD's new high water rescue truck accompanied by Revere's finest Fire Dept.



Rep. Jeff Turco, Mayor Patrick Keefe and Ward Councillor Joanne McKenna.



Nicolas visits Mr. and Mrs. Claus.



Rep. Jessica Giannino and Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna.



Members of Beachmont School Chorus Accompanied by music teacher Mr. O'Brien and Ed Deveau.



Members of Beachmont Improvement Committee.



Santa and Mrs. Claus with Lyons family.



Santa and Mrs. Claus with Mila, Desi, Harlo, James and Alexandra.



Santa and Mrs. Claus with friends at the tree lighting.



Santa, Mrs. Claus and friend.



Deputy Fire Chief Joe Laurano with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Santa and Mrs. Claus with Mayor Patrick Keefe and his wife Jennifer.



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Local businessmen Jim Mercurio and Kevin Chiles, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino Sawaya, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna and Chuck Famolare.



State Representative Jeff Turco with supporters, Chuck Famolare, Kevin Chiles, George Cashman, Kevin Chiles Jr., Ed Cash and Jim Mercurio.



Mayor Patrick Keefe stopped by Dryft to show his continued support of State Representative Jeff Turco, shown with Kevin Chiles and Chuck Famolare.



State Senator Sal DiDomenico stopped by to show support of State Representative Jeff Turco and addressed those in attendance on upcoming state and local interests for Revere and Winthrop residents.



Geoffrey and Maggie Pike at Dryft supporting State Representative Jeff Turco.

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light several potential benefits to Chelsea if it joins the partnership.

“By consolidating our dispatch teams, we will improve our ability to respond to emergency calls, particularly during high-demand periods. Instead of relying on smaller, individual teams, the RECC will house a centralized group of up to 16 dispatchers, more efficiently providing our public safety personnel with the critical support they need,” the letter states. “We will be able to share resources, reduce response times, and standardize protocols for a more consistent level of service. The RECC will offer a more robust mutual aid system than what currently exists.”

According to the community leaders, this means that when one community experiences a surge in calls, others can more easily assist, ensuring that no town or city is overwhelmed, and nobody is left behind. This collaboration would also reduce risk and improve safety for everyone, the letter states.

For our dedicated 911

dispatch staff, we want to emphasize that all current employees will remain in their roles and will receive comprehensive training to ensure smooth operation at our new facility,” the letter states. “While we look forward to meeting with our employees’ unions to hear their concerns and proposals about the impacts of regionalization, our goal and expectation is that negotiations will result in employees carrying over their seniority, pay rates, and benefits. Additionally, the RECC will feature modern amenities, including a lunchroom, training center, and fitness center, ensuring our staff continues to work in a positive and supportive environment.”

Maltez, Marino, and Keefe stated that they also wanted to reassure residents that the individual communities’ public safety personnel—police, fire, and emergency medical teams—

will remain in their respective communities and that the change solely involves the relocation of dispatch operations to the new RECC, which is 1.6 miles away from Chelsea

City Hall.

“Regionalization reflects our commitment to prioritizing public safety and ensuring that our communities are equipped to respond to emergencies as efficiently and effectively as possible,” the letter states. “We are confident that this initiative will strengthen our region’s ability to protect and serve you, and we look forward to keeping you informed as we move forward with this important project.”

Currently, The Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center receives over 30,000 911 and other emergency calls and alarms annually and manages the coordinated dispatch of police, and fire services for Revere and Winthrop, according to its website. It also transfers to other agencies for emergency medical services (EMS) and other resources. The staff also handles over 100,000 non-emergency calls annually regarding quality-of-life issues related to noise, traffic, lost property, and after-hours information for the communities it serves.



Cheryl and Jim Griffin have a few moments with State Representative Turco at Dryft last week.

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viewing shortly after the meeting. It is relatively unchanged from the roundabout designs presented at previous public meetings. The design for the Roundabout is currently at 100% design and is being reviewed by

MassDOT. The Gibson Park Access Road is under design; however, the final design will be completed later. Meanwhile Gibson Park Resiliency Project is working to respond to its most recent MEPA filing, and updates discussed

with residents in the July meeting at the Point of Pines Yacht Club.

Residents are encouraged to attend, or tune in on RevereTV to stay informed about the happenings in their neighborhood.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

THE SCOURGE WITHOUT END

When we heard the news last Friday morning that a 32 year-old woman had been shot and killed in broad daylight on a busy Chelsea street, the first thought that immediately crossed our mind was: The husband or boyfriend did it. Just a few hours later, police announced that they had arrested a suspect, the victim's 31 year-old estranged husband who, according to news reports, had called police to turn himself in.

We've been in the news business for longer than we care to remember and the world has changed in ways that were unimaginable when we began our career in journalism more than 50 years ago. But despite the changes in technology and societal attitudes regarding countless issues, the one constant that has remained is the pathology of domestic violence.

It still is the case today, just as it always has been, that a woman is more likely to suffer violence by a partner than from any other source. The statistics tell the tragic story: Nearly half of all women murdered in the United States are killed by a current or former intimate partner; 1 in 4 women will experience physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime; 1 in 3 women will experience some form of sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime; and 1 in 6 women will experience stalking from an intimate partner in their lifetime.

It also has remained true that the most dangerous time for a woman in a relationship is the period when she first decides to leave her partner. The victim in the shooting this past week had been married to the suspect for 10 years, but they had become estranged only within the past two weeks.

In addition, an article in this week's New York Times has highlighted another dangerous time period for women: According to the Times, the second-leading cause of death (other than from the pregnancy itself) for women who are pregnant or recently postpartum is domestic violence.

What also was not surprising about Friday's tragic event is that a gun was used by the perpetrator. The mere presence of a firearm in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500% and more than half of intimate partner homicides are by firearm.

Fortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court recently let stand laws that exist in every state that require a person with a domestic violence restraining order to turn in his guns. However, there had not been a restraining order between the parties involved in Friday's tragedy.

Domestic violence cuts across all racial and economic lines. Just the week before Friday's incident (in which the victim and the suspect, both of whom are Haitian immigrants and are Black), it was announced that the Cohasset man who allegedly murdered and dismembered his wife -- both of whom are white -- at Christmas time two years ago will stand trial next year. We also would note that today's Massachusetts domestic violence laws stem from the 1970s after an incident in that wealthy suburb of Cohasset in which the husband shot and killed his wife and then shot and wounded his children before turning the gun on himself.

We generally conclude our editorials by offering our view on what lawmakers or individuals can do in order to bring about societal change. However, when it comes to domestic violence, we have no ready solution to this long-standing problem. We can only recommend to women and anyone who is in an abusive relationship to end it immediately and seek help from law enforcement, the courts, and the many services available to victims of domestic violence in our communities. (In Chelsea, HarborCOV offers services for victims of domestic violence. Its 24 hour hotline number is 617-884-9909.)

ANOTHER DICTATOR BITES THE DUST

The demise of the dictatorship in Syria this weekend that brought to an end 50 years of brutal rule by the Assad family -- Bashar al-Assad had succeeded his father, Hafez al-Assad -- was startling to most observers. The Assad regime had successfully fought off a rebel army more than a decade ago, and though Syria had been divided into areas of control by various rebel groups and the government, the Assad regime, bolstered by the Russians and the Iranians, seemed secure.

However, the denigration of Iran's military capabilities by Israel this past year and Russia's weakened position because of its war in Ukraine left the Assad regime vulnerable to the rebel factions who never had gone away over the past decade.

What caught everyone by surprise, including Bashar al-Assad himself, was the rapidity of the rebels' advance from their stronghold in a tiny portion of northwestern Syria in the city of Idlib to the capital of Damascus, hundreds of miles away.

The images of Syrians rejoicing in the streets amidst the toppled statues of Hafez al-Assad were reminiscent of what happened in the immediate aftermath of the fall of so many other Middle East dictators, including Saddam Hussein in Iraq and Muammar al-Gaddafi in Libya.

The quick end to the al-Assad regime brought to mind a phrase by a character in the novel, *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway, about how bankruptcy befalls someone: "Gradually and then suddenly."

We join with the Syrian people in their joy and pray that their future, whatever path it may take, will be peaceful.

Council supports continued preservation of Beachmont Fire Station

By Adam Swift

For several years, Ward 1 City Councillor Joanne McKenna has been leading the effort to convert the empty Beachmont Fire Station on Winthrop Avenue into a community arts center.

At Monday night's meeting, the council supported a resolution introduced by McKenna calling for the preservation and repurposing of the historic building.

"I know that we have talked about this for a couple of years," said McKenna. "Right now, the Beachmont Fire Station is not being renovated, but it is coming."

The Beachmont Fire Station was designated and registered as a historical building with the Massachusetts Historical Commission in 1977 because of its architecturally unique Tudor design. McKenna said this distin-

guishes the building as an irreplaceable cultural and historical landmark in the city.

"The preservation of the Beachmont Fire Station is critical to maintaining the architectural diversity

and historical integrity of Revere," said McKenna. "The repurposing of the Beachmont Fire Station as a community arts center would not only preserve its historical significance, but also provide a mean-

ingful space for artistic expression."

McKenna said Mayor Patrick Keefe and the city's department of planning and community development have been instrumental in getting the renovations to the building underway.

"Starting in the spring, they are going to redo the roof and the front of the structure," said McKenna.

With the resolution, McKenna said she is asking the city to keep up the progress and help make the community arts center a reality.

"I'm asking the city of Revere to work in collaboration with local historians, preservationists, community leaders, and art organizations to secure funding and resources necessary for preserving this historical structure for the length of time it is needed to get it up and running," McKenna said.

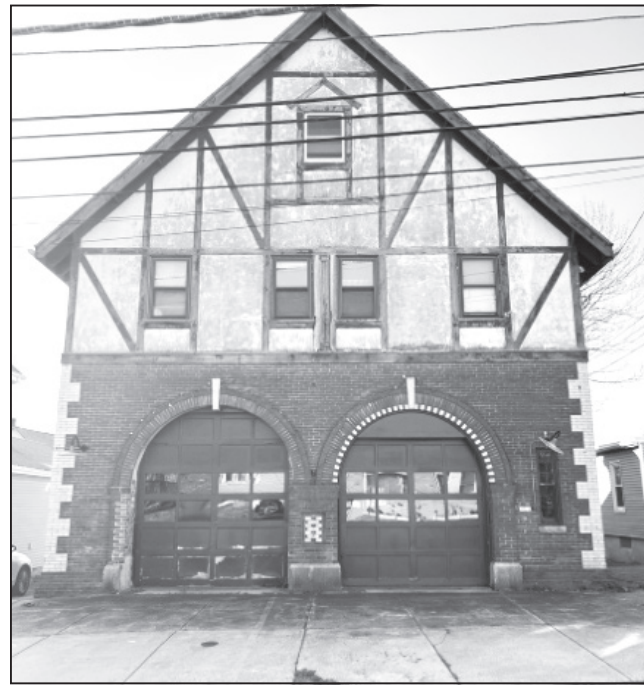


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The fire station in Beachmont.

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related to construction or refuse collection," Inzerillo stated. "For animal-related noise complaints, residents should call the Revere Police Non-Emergency line or the Animal Control Officer directly. For all other noise-related complaints, residents should call the Revere Police Department."

Guarino-Sawaya

thanked Inzerillo for her hard work on the ordinance, and said she supported the proposed changes.

However, she said she did have an issue with residents contacting the animal control officer, since ACO is not available on the weekends.

Guarino-Sawaya also proposed two amend-

ments to the noise ordinance update presented to the council. One would limit the hours of street sales, while the second would provide for tighter hours restrictions on commercial construction, drilling, and demolition noise.

"I hear your concerns loud and clear, and I will take back the issues with

the animal control officer and see if it is something the police can look into," Inzerillo said.

She said she would also bring the proposed amendments back to the police department and the inspection services department in preparation for the Jan. 27 public hearing.

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the new location.

"The last time I was here, we planned on using a location on Revere Street," said Buck. "With the help of the mayor, we were able to secure hopefully a better location at the American Legion building. This will allow us to increase our capacity from the last two years we ran the warming center from 15 people to 24 people, which is a great expansion of services."

The warming center would open on Jan. 1 or Jan. 2 and run through March 31, about a week later than it has been open the past two years, according to Buck. The warming center's hours would remain from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

The city is soliciting bids for the operation of the center. So far, Housing Families, which has operated the warming center at the senior center, has submitted the only bid, Buck said.

The plan is contingent upon funding, Buck said. She said the city has applied for a one-time grant from the state that would cover the majority of the

funding for the warming center.

Buck noted that several neighboring communities, including Chelsea, Somerville, and Malden, have either operated warming centers for several years or are planning on opening one this year. She said Revere is in touch with all those communities to compare notes on the operations.

"I want to sincerely thank Mayor Keefe, he knew I was visibly upset I was for where this was projected to go, and I was completely caught off guard about this going on Revere Street," said Guarino-Sawaya. "But (Buck's) initiative and the mayor's initiative to find a more feasible space for the warming center, which is greatly needed in the city of Revere, is greatly appreciated."

Councillor-at-Large Marc Silvestri said the proposed location also highlights the American Legion's continued support of the community.

"The Legion is losing a lot for three months, and thank god this grant

will help them offset what they are losing," said Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky. "The city is already starting to upgrade the building, a lot of the things that are needed for safety ... they have al-

ready redone the floor in the big hall and it looks terrific. This is something that is needed, and I'm glad the Legion agreed to it and I'm glad the city agreed to offset whatever they need."

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La Colaborativa deploys \$2 million climate future initiative to empower young adults

Special to the Journal

La Colaborativa recently announced the launch of its Climate Future Initiative, the largest climate-tech workforce training, career readiness, and economic development program in the Metro North Region.

“We’re grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration, MassCEC, and Senators Warren and Markey for catalyzing meaningful strides towards ensuring the clean energy transition uplifts, rather than exploits, Latinx and immigrant communities,” said Gladys Vega, President/CEO of La Colaborativa.

In total, the multilingual program represents a \$2 million investment overseen by La Colaborativa, with financing provided by the U.S. Department of Labor through Senators Warren and Markey, coupled with major grants through the Mass. Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED), and MassHire Metro North Workforce Board. It sets the stage for the development of La Colaborativa’s Center for Economic Development at 50 Heard St.

“Through a cross-sector partnership convened by La Colaborativa, this

approach recognizes that we can only overcome the displacement crisis, poverty, and community violence by deliberately empowering our youth and young adults.” said Dinanyili Paulino, EVP of La Colaborativa.

Centered on galvanizing an equitable, dynamic 21st century economy, the program aims to diversify the next generation of climate-tech leaders.

“With a forecasted shortage of over 38,000 climate-tech jobs across the Commonwealth, La Colaborativa is committed to fostering the advancement of our young people through high-paying jobs in the HVAC, electrical, energy efficiency, and green construction realms,” said Alex Train, COO of La Colaborativa.

In turn, developing an adept, agile climate-tech workforce will accelerate the decarbonization of the Metro North Region, foster climate preparedness, and achieve an unmatched quality of life by lowering household costs, mitigating air pollution, and generating tangible economic benefits for low-income residents.

With La Colaborativa spearheading the effort, the multilingual program will be implemented in partnership with Franklin Cummings Insti-



COURTESY PHOTO

La Colaborativa recently announced a \$2 million climate future initiative that will focus on climate-tech workforce training, career readiness, and economic development in the region.

tute of Technology, the Green Jobs Academy, TNEC-UMass Lowell, and the North Atlantic Regional Council of Carpenters. This multifaceted approach will directly train and equip over 143 young adults, ages 18 to 24, and mid-career adults for careers in a variety of fields. Moreover, through its Youth Development Department, La Colaborativa will carry out a career exploration and job readiness program, enabling 15 youth, ages 16 to 18, to gain exposure to the host of post-secondary and career opportunities in the

sustainability, clean energy, and climate resilience sectors. Simultaneously, over 1,000 residents will be positioned to thrive in the climate-tech space through contextualized ESOL classes, career readiness, and job search assistance.

As workforce training progresses, La Colaborativa will institute inten-

sive career counseling, job readiness, financial education, and leadership development programming. Distinguished by an emphasis on integrative wraparound services for all participants in the workforce training and youth career exploration pathways, the program will encompass intensive case management, living

wage stipends to reduce economic barriers, transportation, food and clothing assistance, and access to childcare. La Colaborativa will expand private sector partnerships to directly place participants in well-paying jobs, with ongoing case management provided to promote retention and mobility.

A throughline across the program, diminishing obstacles commonly faced by BIPOC residents is essential to furthering the Commonwealth’s competitiveness, enriching the local economy, and eradicating poverty.

Interested residents of Chelsea, Everett, Revere, East Boston, and Lynn can apply directly by visiting La Colaborativa’s website at <https://www.la-colaborativa.org>, calling (617) 889-6080, or stopping by 63 6th St. in Chelsea between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

La Colaborativa, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the empowerment of Latinx and immigrant communi-

CITY PAWS

Suddenly, your dog is a senior!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The ASPCA says, “Most dogs enter their golden years between seven and 10 years of age, with large/giant breeds becoming seniors earlier than small breeds.” The signs of aging are subtle and usually include a bit of a slowdown. Your dog may be sleeping more and showing signs of stiffness when moving.

Your Westie Poppy is now twelve. At this point, she shows no signs of loss of vision, hearing, energy, muscle tone, skin elasticity, hair, immunity, arthritis, or other joint problems.

And Poppy’s mental acuity is excellent. She quickly learns new things, remembers her favorite people and places, responds to the same words, and reacts to the same things. You and your veterinary team can use this checklist to communicate how your dog is aging.

Maybe It’s Not Old Age

Some things we consider old age can also be signs of pain. Changes in appetite, routine, getting up slowly, heavy panting, grumbling, and being a bit grumpy can happen as pets age, but these are all signs of pain as well. If a dog changes her sleeping position, has more accidents in the house, doesn’t want to play, or avoids jumping up on a chair or sofa, you should note the behavior and report it to your vet.

Most veterinary practices suggest twice-yearly checkups for seniors. Discuss weight, exercise, feeding, supplements, and medications at these sessions. Weight control is even more critical in seniors. It takes teamwork to help a dog lose weight.



New sights and sounds can stimulate an older dog’s brain. Try walking in new places with new paths, smells, sights, and sounds.

Make sure you have every member of your household on the team. Discuss your specific guidelines for feeding, restricting extra calories, and exercising to anyone who will be pet sitting, providing daycare, or boarding your senior dog.

Improvements in veterinary science, nutrition, and pet guardian education are helping our dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives. After treatment for something other than old age, that old dog may bring you a leash or a favorite toy.

Keep up the Exercise

We all understand that daily exercise is essential for dogs’ physical conditioning and weight control. However, more and more research tells us that exercising the brain is important to prevent dementia and improve dogs’ quality of life. In dogs, dementia is called canine cognitive dysfunction (CCD). Many lifestyle habits that help human brain health also apply to dogs.

Think about how tired highly-activated brain cells make you when you

take a class, learn a new skill, read up on a new topic, or spend time in a new setting or with new people. It can be exhausting. Remember this when deciding on the proper brain workout for your dog.

New sights and sounds may stimulate an older dog’s brain. You can try walking in new places, training new behaviors, and playing games appropriate to a dog’s age and physical abilities. Old dogs might enjoy a food puzzle toy that rewards their efforts to get at the food with a steady flow of treats. (Ensure those treats are healthy and part of your dog’s daily food intake.)


Knowing your dog is vital. A devoted sniffer may love a good game of find-the-snack. More time with other dogs and people may stimulate a social butterfly. A shy or anxious dog may prefer to sit back and watch or play a quiet game of “push that ball to me.”

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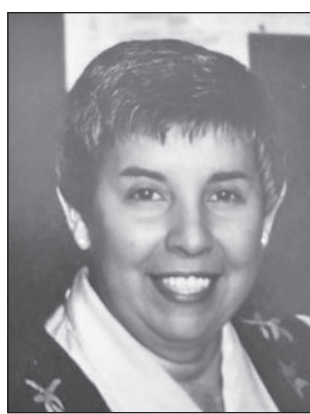
Retired Head of the RHS Language Department

All are welcome to attend a Funeral Mass on Monday, December 16th at 10:30 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere for Rita S. Priore, who was stricken on Tuesday, November 26th while attending a Thanksgiving event surrounded by her friends, colleagues and community and later passing at the CHA Everett Hospital. She was 94 years old. Interment will immediately follow the Mass with Rita being laid to rest with her parents in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Rita was born on February 14, 1930 to Joseph Priore and Settimia (Forte) Priore in Revere. She was one of two children and was raised and educated in Revere. Rita was an alumna of Revere High School, Class of 1952. Rita knew that her life long passion was education. She attended Boston University where she earned her A.B. in Romance Languages in 1956. In 1957 she began to earn her master's in education at Boston University which she received in 1959.

Rita's thirst for learning was immense. She went on to take evening courses at Harvard University earning certificates in French, German and Italian. French was her favorite.

Rita began her career at Revere High School in June of 1959, as a high school guidance counselor, then became the head of the language department. She taught French, Italian and English for the Revere students. Rita was a passionate woman for languages and had an incredible way with the students and how she taught, she had a career that spanned 40 years of truly dedicated service to the



City of Revere and generations of students. She retired on June 30, 1999.

Rita was a very devoted and loving daughter to both of her parents, caring for them all of her life, especially in their later years when they became ill and infirm. She was a devoted parishioner and faithful communicant of Immaculate Conception Church in Revere. She was also devoted to her community and a member of the Revere Senior Center, A former member of the Catholic Daughters of America, she volunteered at community and several other events. Rita shared her time between Revere and time spent at her home on Cape Cod in Chatham. May the memories of Rita be our blessing, and we pray she will live on in our hearts forever.

The devoted daughter of the late Joseph and Settimia Priore and the dear sister of the late Ron Priore, she is survived by her sister-in-law, her nephew, her niece and their children. She is also lovingly survived by friends, colleagues, neighbors, and former students.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For online condolences, please visit: www.vertuciosmithvazza.com.

Natalie "Nellie" Lombardo

Truly the matriarch of her family who loved her unconditionally

Family and friends are kindly invited to attend Visiting Hours on Friday, December 13th from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Natalie "Nellie" (Palladino) Lombardo, who died on Monday, December 9th at the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center in Revere following a brief illness. She was 93 years old, soon to be 94. A Funeral will be held from the funeral home on Saturday, December 14th at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 11 a.m. Interment will immediately follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Nellie was born on December 16, 1930 in Chelsea to her late parents Rocco and Frances (Lopes) Palladino. Nellie was the last born of 15 children and now has closed the sibling chain.

She was raised and educated in Chelsea and attended Chelsea Schools. Nellie married her husband, Albert Lombardo on December 21, 1952. The couple moved to Revere where they began to raise and expand their family. Nellie was a devoted wife and mother, as well as a daughter and sister to her parents and 14 siblings.

Nellie later returned to the work force and was an Accounts Receivable Clerk for Northeastern Wall Coverings in South Boston. Her career spanned over 25 years.

Nellie's heart was with her family. No matter what she did, her children and grandchildren were involved and always surrounded her with warmth and love.

Sunday dinners were an absolute must, and she was all about traditions of many kinds. Nellie loved to cook for her family for any reason. She cherished her life with her husband, and together they enjoyed life. She was a beautiful woman inside and out and she enjoyed getting her hair done every week, and always enjoyed listening to Italian music.



Her greatest joy was taking care of her grandchildren; she cherished all of them immensely. Nellie was fiercely independent and a selfless person. She never wanted to burden her children in any way, instead she always wanted to be the one who helped everyone. She was truly the matriarch of her family, and they loved her unconditionally.

She was the beloved wife of 51 years to the late Albert L. Lombardo; loving mother of Joseph Lombardo and his wife, Elaine of Peabody, Donna Lombardo and her late husband, John Tobin of Revere, Jo-Ann Rossi and her husband, Ronald of N. Reading and Diane Forster and her husband, James Jr. of Winthrop; cherished grandmother of Joseph Lombardo and his wife, Kaylee, Lauren Lombardo, Amanda Kalavantis and her husband, Christos, Ronald Rossi, James Forster, III., Julie Forster and the late Stephanie Saulnier; treasured great-grandmother of Patrick, Cameron, Sean, Andrew, Nico, and Giovanna; dear sister of the late Grace Rooney, Sue Taylor, Mary Ciaramella, Annie Damiano, Minnie Belli, Tina Pulsiciano, Jenny Kennedy, Rose Hoffman, Dominic, Michael, Rocco, Joseph, Louis, and Anthony Palladino. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Flowers are accepted or you can make a donation in Nellie's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave, FL 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

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Wendy Scali

Born and raised in Charlestown, she was proud to once be Miss Bunker Hill

Wendy Scali, 68, of Revere, formerly of Lynn and Charlestown, passed away on Saturday, December 7, 2024 following a brief illness.

The cherished daughter of the late John and Helen Geezil, she was the beloved wife of 29 years to the late Paul B. Scali, loving mother of Paul J. Scali and his wife, Christina Scali of Lynnfield; caring sister of four brothers: Scott, David, John, and the late Mark. She is also survived by her cherished grandchildren, Gennaro and Anthony.

Wendy was born and raised in Charlestown and was proud to once be Miss Bunker Hill. A beacon of loving warmth, creative flair and compassionate kindness, she carried a resilient spirit and a heart full of love that touched everyone she met.

The essence of Wendy's life was encapsulated by her boundless love for her family and friends. As a mother, grandmother and friend, she cherished every moment spent with her loved ones. Nothing brought her more joy than the gleeful laughter of her grandchildren or the comforting presence of her dear friends.

Wendy's love story with her late husband, Paul B.



Scali, was a tale of shared dreams and adventures. Together, they enjoyed traveling and found tranquility at their lake house in East Wakefield, New Hampshire. Wendy's life was a testament to resilience in the face of loss, as she continued to honor Paul's memory by living her life to the fullest. Yet, in the hearts of those who knew her, Wendy's spirit lives on, a glowing ember of loving warmth, creative zeal, compassionate kindness, and resilient strength.

A Visitation will be held at Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere, on Sunday, December 15 from 2 to 6 p.m. A prayer service will take place in the funeral home at 5:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Michael J. Mulligan, Sr.

Retired Master Electrician

Family and friends are welcome to attend a Memorial Funeral Mass on Tuesday, December 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere for Michael J. Mulligan, Sr. who passed away with his wife, Pat by his side, on Thursday, December 5th at the Gosnell Hospice House in Scarborough, ME following a battle from multiple illnesses. He was 76 years old. Entombment will immediately follow in Woodlawn Cemetery Columbarium in Everett.

Michael was a native of Revere. He was born on March 15th, 1948 to his late parents, Edward C. Mulligan and Anna Mulligan. He was one of six children raised in Revere. He was educated in Revere Public Schools and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1966.

Michael pursued a career as an electrician, by becoming an apprentice electrician in the IBEW Local #103 Union. He worked his way up through the years and became a Master Electrician, retiring after 57 years of faithful and dedicated service.

Michael participated and worked on some of the biggest construction projects in Boston.

During this time, he married his best friend Pat (Kushmerek) on March 10, Michael and Pat moved to Billerica where they made their home and raised their three children.



He was a loving and proud father and was very active with his family.

In later years, Michael retired, and he and Pat decided to travel the country and other places around the world. Michael was a man of his word and his faith. He enjoyed visiting many churches, shrines, and basilica's all over. He was very proud to have met the pope at one point.

The couple later retired to Maine where Michael enjoyed riding his electric bike in many of the National Parks in Maine. Most recently, he and Pat were getting ready to move to Florida. Michael will forever be known as husband, dad, grandpa and friend.

He was the beloved husband of 55 years to Patricia A. (Kushmerek) Mulligan formerly of Billerica and Maine; the loving father of Michael J. Mulligan, Jr. and his wife, Kathleen of Methuen, Michele A. Mulligan of Chelmsford, and Melissa A. Murphy and her husband, Josh of Burlington; the cherished grandfather of Michael J. Mulligan, III of Methuen, Annabelle Rose Murphy and Grace Frances Murphy, both of Burlington; the dear brother of Patricia Livingston and her husband, Eldon of Billerica, Grace Vargas of Revere and her late husband, Harold "Bud" Vargas and the late Dr. Edward Mulligan, Maureen Moscow and Thomas Mulligan. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Hospice of Southern Maine, 390 US Rt. 1, Scarborough, ME 04074.

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RHS SPEECH & DEBATE COMPETE AT ST. NICK'S SHOWDOWN IN ARLINGTON



The Revere High School Speech and Debate team competed at the St Nicks Showdown at Arlington High School on Saturday 12/7. Dina Oufessa placed 7th in Declamation, Gianna Cuzzi placed 6th in Novice Oral Interpretation, Fatima Baoussouh placed 2nd in Radio Broadcasting while Noor Ashour placed 2nd in Novice Oral Interpretation. Shown from left to right: Dina Oufessa, Gianna Cuzzi, Fatima Baoussouh, Noor Ashour, and Lyna Baoussouh.

Vice Chair Monterroso helps secure historic legislation

Special to the Journal

Revere School Committee Vice Chair, Jacqueline Monterroso, has helped secure historic education legislation in Beacon Hill. Jacqueline is the Director of Policy and Advocacy at Latinos for Education, a national nonprofit focused on developing, placing and connecting essential Latino leaders in the education sector.

As Director of Policy, Monterroso spearheaded the Educator Diversity Act Coalition, which is made up of over 50 organizations, from teacher unions, to school districts, education nonprofits, and higher education institutions. Jacqueline led the charge in organizing and mobilizing hundreds of education leaders and advocates this legislative session to ensure legislators passed

the Educator Diversity Act. This landmark legislation was sponsored by House Assistant Majority Leader Alice Peisch, and Co-Chair of the Joint Education Committee, State Senator Jason Lewis and co-sponsored by dozens of legislators including our very own State Representative Jessica Giannino and State Senator Lydia Edwards.

The Educator Diversity Act, included as an amendment to the state's economic development bill, lays the foundation for transformative change by addressing barriers to recruiting and retaining educators of color. Through its eight key provisions, the law establishes:

- Multiple pathways toward certification to ensure accessible entry points for aspiring educa-

tors.

- A statewide data dashboard to track and address educator workforce diversity across districts, and

- Increased uniformity in hiring practices to support equitable opportunities for candidates from underrepresented backgrounds.

"This is a monumental victory for Massachusetts students, families, and educators. Research consistently shows that all students benefit from a diverse educator workforce, and this law ensures we are building a system where every child can see themselves represented in the classroom. This bill is the first of its kind in the nation and will serve as a model for other states eager to pass similar legislation." said Vice Chair Monterroso.

Paul's Pals to hold a fundraiser for a local 7-year-old battling cancer

By Melissa Moore-Randall

On September 20th, a local family received a phone call no one should ever receive. Their 7 year old son and brother was diagnosed with cancer. The Baglio family received

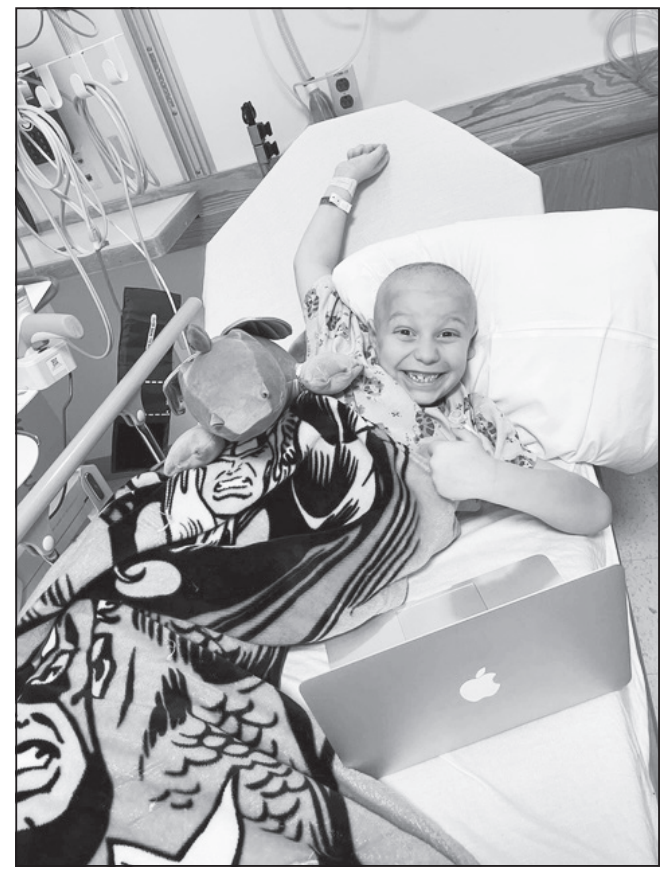
the call that Paul was diagnosed with Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma, an extremely rare, aggressive, fast growing cancer that is mostly found in children under age 5 that affects their soft tissue. October 30, Paul was fur-

ther diagnosed with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma FOXO1::PAX3 Fusion Positive, a much rarer and aggressive form of what the original diagnosis was. Patients with RMS require multidisciplinary treatment, including che-

motherapy, surgical resection and radiation therapy (RT). Paul is now in his 9th week of treatment.

Paul, a second grader at East Boston Catholic Central School, has been being treated at Boston Children's Hospital. The son of Robert and Jade Baglio, Paul is part of what his Mom refers to as the "Baglio Brunch" which also includes Paul's siblings Makyla "KyKy", age 7, Joseph "Joey", age 6, Anthony, age 5, and Coral 17 months.

On December 13th, a fundraising event will be held at the Malden Moose for Paul and his family which will include a night of food, dancing, drinks, raffles and dancing. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased through Venmo (Kris-Testa). Do-



Seven-year-old Paul Baglio during a recent cancer treatment.

nations of raffles are also being accepted through The Studio Dance Company.

You can follow Paul's

journey and find a way to help him and his family on Facebook by joining Paul's Praying Pals & Benny The Dragon Page.



Paul Baglio and his family also known as the Baglio Bunch.

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Knowing Me, Knowing you" group
 - 5 Yellowish white
 - 10 Soap film
 - 14 Highlands family
 - 15 Make two
 - 16 Celestial bear
 - 17 Eggs order
 - 19 "... the twain shall meet"
 - 20 Tidal flow
 - 21 Goose egg
 - 22 Men on base
 - 24 Old seafarer
 - 25 Ore analysis
 - 26 Ban
 - 30 Help out
 - 34 Bert the Cowardly Lion
 - 35 Workplace watchdog grp.
 - 37 Flooring worker
 - 38 Winglike parts
 - 39 Triangular sign
 - 41 Sup
 - 42 Ieper by another name
 - 44 Location
 - 45 Leisure
 - 46 Sleuth
 - 48 Off the beaten track
 - 50 Steel girder type
 - 52 Lenore's creator, initially?
 - 53 Advice
 - 56 Infamous Amin
 - 57 Balderdash!
 - 60 Westernmost Aleutian island
 - 61 Eggs order
 - 64 Let it stand!
 - 65 Dubuque resident
 - 66 Grounded birds
 - 67 Drink heavily
 - 68 Nest noise
 - 69 Not as much
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Spill the beans
 - 3 Fishhook feature
 - 4 Plus
 - 5 Goody-goody
 - 6 Sora of Virginia
 - 7 Mansion wing
 - 8 Declares
 - 9 One of the Gorgons
 - 10 Eggs order
 - 11 Native American tribe
 - 12 Cable subscriber
 - 13 Neighboring planet
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 - 24 Eggs order
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AROUND THE CITY

BINGO NIGHT FOR KIDS

Revere Parks and Recreation will host a Kids Bingo Night on Wednesday, December 11, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Garfield School/Community Center, located at 176 Garfield Avenue. Children are invited to play bingo, win prizes, and enjoy an evening of fun and excitement.

9TH ANNUAL COATS FOR KIDS UGLY SWEATER PARTY

The 9th Annual Coats for Kids Ugly Sweater Party will take place on Thursday, December 12, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Dryft Revere, 500 Ocean Avenue. Guests are encouraged to bring a new winter coat to donate to lo-

cal children in need. Coats can also be dropped off at City Hall, the Haas Health and Wellness Center, the Wharf, and the Police Station. Proceeds from the event will go toward providing winter gear for children in the community.

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MAYOR PATRICK KEEFE VISITED LOCAL BUSINESSES ACROSS CITY FOR SMALL BIZ. SATURDAY

Cary Shuman photos

Mayor Keefe traveled to Revere Karate Academy, Haas Health and Wellness with Manny and Marcello, Luberto's Bakery, Murray's Tavern, Chocolafee, and Dryft to greet local business owners as the holiday shopping season kicks into high gear.



Mayor Patrick Keefe joins world karate champions, Professional Anthony Cogliandro and Grand Master Doreen DiRienzo, and Instructor Emma Beaupre, and their students during a visit to Revere Karate Academy for Small Business Saturday.



Shown to the left, From left, City Council President and business owner Anthony Cogliandro, Mayor Patrick Keefe, Communications Associate Taylor Giuffre-Catalano, Revere Business Liaison John Festa, Grand Master, legendary Karate champion, and business owner Doreen DiRienzo, and Rep. Jeff Turco.



Enjoying pastry treats at Luberto's Bakery on Small Business Saturday are Councilor-at-Large Juan Jaramillo and his son, Lucas Jaramillo, Ward 4 Councilor Paul Argenzio, Mayor Patrick Keefe, and Communications Associate Taylor Giuffre-Catalano.



Pictured at Luberto's Bakery on Broadway during Small Business Saturday are, from left, Vincent Argenzio, Mayor Patrick Keefe, business owner Danny Luberto, Rep. Jeff Turco, Ward 4 Councilor Paul Argenzio, and Revere Business Liaison John Festa.

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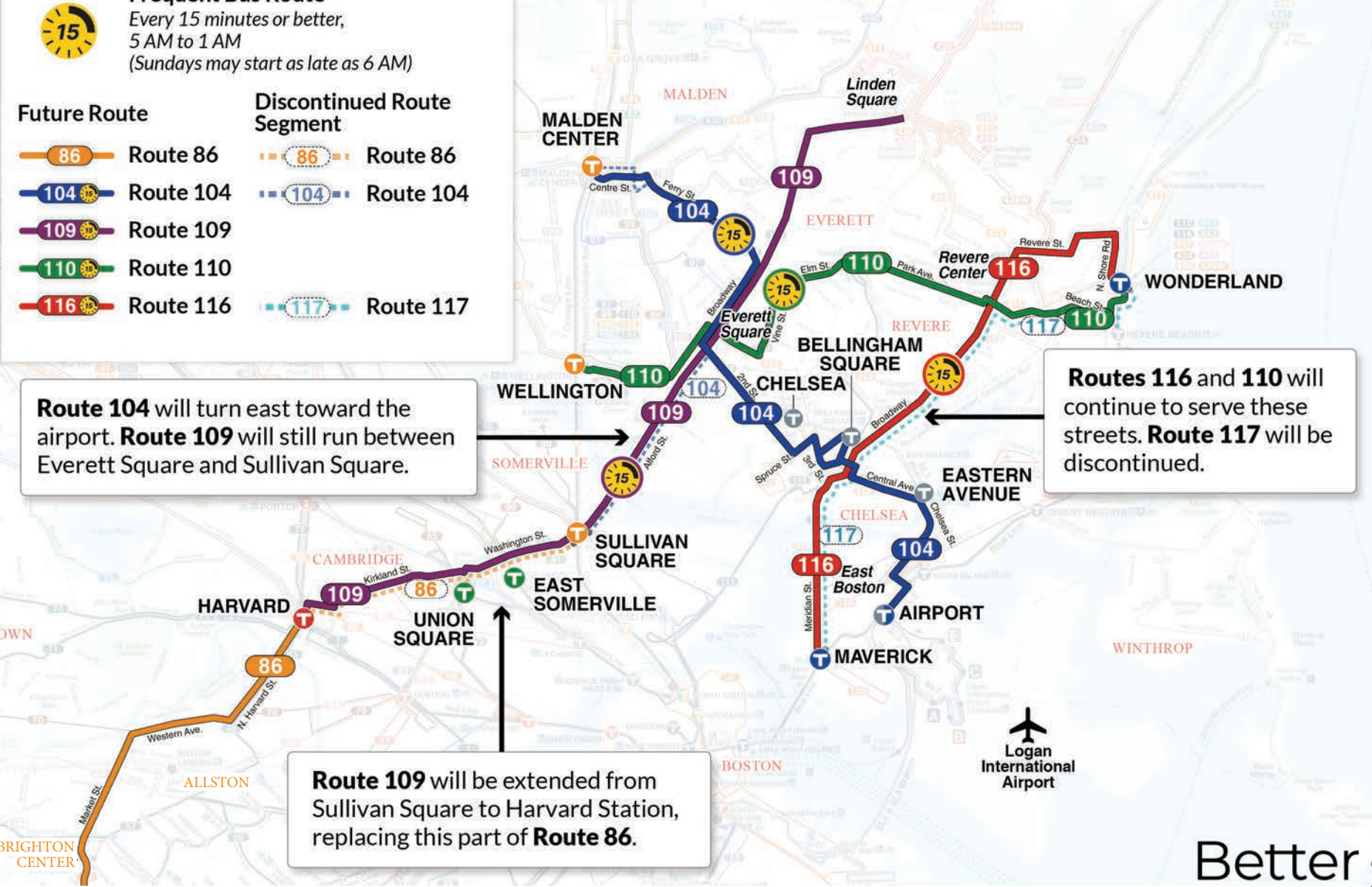
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Sports

RHS ROUNDUP

RHS BOYS BASKETBALL HOSTS EVERETT IN OPENER

The Revere High boys basketball team under the direction of head coach David Leary will entertain the Everett Crimson Tide tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 7:00 in their 2025 season-opener. A large crowd is expected to be on hand at Merullo Fieldhouse to root on the Patriots against one of their chief rivals in the Greater Boston League (GBL).

Leary, who is entering his ninth season along with JV coach John Leone and freshmen coach Bob Sullivan, is hoping to lean on the experience of some familiar faces to bring success in the upcoming campaign.

Senior tri-captain and GBL All-Star Ethan Day, who returns for his fourth season at the varsity level, was the Patriots' leading scorer last year and is poised to have a big senior season.

Day will have a lot of help around him. Senior tri-captain Josh Mercado returns for his third year and will provide the team with excellent on-the-ball pressure and three-point shooting.

Senior tri-captain Avi Lung returns in his role as the Patriots' point guard. Avi, who was injured in his sophomore year, came on late last year to be the team's second-leading scorer and assist leader.

Senior forward Erick Mayorga will give Revere solid scoring and rebounding around the basket and also can step out to three-point range. Senior guard Jayden Balogun will deliver a spark off the bench with his three-point shooting and intensity on defense.

Senior center Noah Ramos has good size and can score, block shots, and rebound inside. First-year player and senior Gio Alexandre, who had a great year on the football field for Revere, will have a major impact in the team's

success as their most versatile athlete.

Senior transfer Peter Decelien is also going to help off of the bench defensively with his speed and jumping ability.

Junior forwards Devin Berry and Zaney Kayembe continue to improve and will provide the team with interior scoring, tough defense, and rebounding. Junior guard Isaiah Llanos is a good knock-down shooter and plays extremely hard on the defensive end to lift his team, while Senior Guard Nick Rupp will be a jack-of-all-trades with his speed on defense and getting to the basket on offense.

Sophomore center Nico Cespedes, who has good size and plays with a very high motor, will provide scoring, defense, and rebounding around the basket. Sophomore point guard Adnane Ammim is a very fast and shifty defender who figures to drive the opposing teams' point guards crazy.

Leary is optimistic about his squad's upcoming season, but is also preaching patience early on, "We are in the same boat as everyone else, but with Thanksgiving so late, we really have been limited as far as practice time goes," Leary said. "With a lot of new faces, we are going to have to lean on our experienced guys to lead us as we all figure out our roles to help the team win games."

The Patriots had a scrimmage against Brighton High School on Saturday in the Keith Nance Memorial Classic at East Boston High. They also traveled up to Saugus High for a scrimmage on Monday night in preparation for what should be an electric home-opener at Merullo Fieldhouse tomorrow evening against Everett.

The Patriots will meet GBL opponents Chelsea, Lynn Classical, and Medford twice each and battle GBL foes Somerville, Everett, Malden, and



The Revere High boys basketball team is shown at the East Boston High gym where they scrimmaged against Brighton High on Saturday in the Keith Nance Memorial Classic. Coach David Leary and his Patriots open their 2025 season tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 7:00 against Everett at the Merullo Fieldhouse.

Lynn English once. Non-league opponents include Chelmsford (2), Tewksbury (2), and Edward Brooke Charter. They also will participate in two holiday tournaments over the Christmas and Presidents Day breaks.

Leary and his crew will trek to Medford on Tuesday and to Lynn English next Thursday.

RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025

Coach Ariana Rivera and her Lady Patriots will kick off their 2025 season when they make the short trek westward on the Revere Beach Parkway for their season-opening tip-off at 6:00 tomorrow (Thursday) at Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Everett.

"We are very excited to start the season and very hopeful with a strong freshman class," said Rivera.

The 2025 edition of the Lady Patriot squad will be led by a group of six

seniors: captain Belma Velic, Marwa Riad, Nisrin Sekkat, Daniela Murillo, Lea Doucette, and Kritanjely Ruiz.

"I started my RHS girls basketball coaching career with this year's senior class, so it will be a bittersweet season," noted Rivera.

They will be joined by juniors Shayna Smith, Zohra Benkreira, Sara Sbai, and Sonia Haily; sophomore Sarah Lecheb; and freshmen Allyson Olliviera, Rebecca Mercado, and Valentina Cruz Martinez. Rivera noted that some of those underclassmen will swing between the varsity and JV squads and (as of press time) other girls could be added to the varsity roster.

"Our lone captain so

far is Belma Velic, but we plan to add at least one more captain this week," said Rivera.

The Lady Patriots scrimmaged with Lynnfield this past Friday in which the teams did not keep a running score.

"We were able to iron out some line-ups and figure out what worked best for us and what we have," said Rivera. "There was a lot of good and a lot of bad. I am grateful we have this week to prepare for our season-opener against Everett on Thursday."

Rivera and her crew will take on all seven of their Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals this season, meeting Everett, Lynn English, Lynn Classical, Somerville, Medford, and Malden twice apiece and

Chelsea once. Five non-league opponents, Whittier Tech (2), Swampscott (2), Salem, Winthrop, and Horace Mann, will round out their 20-game schedule.

After tomorrow's opener, Rivera's crew will host Medford on Tuesday and Lynn English next Thursday. Both games will tip-off at 6:00 at Merullo Fieldhouse.

RHS WINTER SPORTS SEASON GETS UNDERWAY THIS WEEK

The 2025 winter sports season is set to get underway this week for Revere High athletes.

The RHS boys and girls basketball teams will get

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Sweeping climate bill passes the Massachusetts Legislature

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Legislature passed sweeping climate legislation to empower the state's fight against climate change and accelerate progress towards the state's goals of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

S.2967, An Act Promoting a Clean Energy Grid, Advancing Equity, and Protecting Ratepayers, reforms the siting and permitting of clean energy facilities, while responsibly reforming the gas distribution system. It vastly expands the electric vehicle (EV) charging network, incentivizes innovative technologies such as battery storage, fusion energy, advanced metering and meter socket adapters, includes measures to protect residents from high energy costs, and equips state agencies with the mandate to fight climate change.

"Today the Legislature once again took decisive action to address the climate crisis," stated Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland).

"While achieving the shared goal of reforming siting and permitting so that we can ensure that clean energy projects get approved and built at the rate necessary to meet our state's ambitious emissions reduction goals, we are also expanding electric vehicle charging infrastructure and incentives, addressing the high cost and long lifespan of gas infrastructure projects as we strive to move towards cleaner energy sources, and protecting rate payers from bearing the costs of this transformational shift. I am proud that Massachusetts has prioritized passing bold initiatives to address the existential threat of climate change, and I am particularly grateful to Senator Barrett for his thoughtful advocacy on behalf of the Senate

throughout this process. I'd also like to thank Majority Leader Creem and all my Senate colleagues, Speaker Mariano, Representative Roy and our partners in the House for getting this important bill across the finish line."

"This legislation represents the Legislature's continued commitment to meeting Massachusetts' long-term emission reduction targets, as it builds on the work that is being done to modernize the Commonwealth's energy grid, increase clean energy generation, and to combat the climate crisis," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "The reforms related to siting and permitting of clean energy infrastructure will be critical in the process of transitioning the Commonwealth's energy grid away from fossil fuels over time. I want to thank Chairman Roy and all the conferees, as well as our colleagues in the Senate, for their hard work.

"To deal with climate change, we need to build up the power supply without swamping the household budget," said Senator Mike Barrett (D-Lexington), Assistant Majority Leader and Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy. "People want to keep the electricity coming and they also want to be able to pay their bills. This legislation is about both. Big tip of the hat to President Spilka and Chair Rodrigues. They shoulder the burden of setting priorities for the Senate and finding the needed staff hours. They come through for the climate every time."

"This legislation advances critical updates for the siting and permitting of clean energy infrastructure, ensuring a supportive and reliable electric grid, and building out electric vehicle charging

infrastructure, among so many other things," said Representative Jeffrey N. Roy (D-Franklin), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. "By overhauling outdated state permitting and siting processes, the Commonwealth aims to secure an equitable, accelerated buildout of clean energy generation and infrastructure that we need to reach our climate goals and power our electrified clean energy future. These reforms are coupled with measured steps to promote solar energy system development, ensure that our gas companies comply with climate targets, procure more clean energy and storage solutions, and use grid-enhancing technologies and advanced meters to increase efficiency, while ensuring that this transition balances consumer safety and system reliability with protections for union workers."

"This comprehensive climate bill includes a wide range of policies that move us closer to net-zero emissions, including essential reforms to our gas system. By preventing gas investments that are both imprudent and contrary to our climate mandates, the bill will keep costs down and prevent wasteful spending of ratepayers' hard-earned money," said Senate Majority Leader Cindy Creem, Chair of the Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change. "This month's national election results mean that it will likely fall to the states to continue making progress on mitigating and adapting to climate change. Under Senate President Karen Spilka, the Massachusetts Senate has been and will continue to be a leader on climate action."

"This legislation demonstrates our continued commitment to

building a cleaner, more resilient energy future for Massachusetts," said Representative Richard M. Haggerty (D-Woburn), House Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. "By cutting red tape in the permitting process, guaranteeing stakeholder participation, and investing in innovative technologies, we're not just meeting our climate goals—we're positioning our Commonwealth as a leader in the clean energy economy. This legislation will create jobs, drive economic growth, and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. I want to thank Chair Roy for his hard work on this, Speaker Mariano for his leadership, and all my colleagues for their strong support."

"I'm thankful to Senate President Spilka and my colleagues in the state legislature for their hard work in getting this sweeping climate bill to the finish line," said State Senator Lydia Edwards (D-East Boston). "This climate legislation accelerates our state's goals of net zero greenhouse emissions by 2050. It expands electric vehicle (EV) charging station networks, incentivizes new technologies in new buildings, and increases the growth of offshore wind and solar energy."

"This week the Massachusetts Legislature passed a major climate bill that takes big steps toward reaching net-zero emissions by 2050. This will speed up the approval process for clean energy projects, expands electric vehicle charging, supports new green technologies, and helps protect residents from rising energy costs—paving the way for a cleaner, more sustainable future for everyone

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Rose Kennedy Greenway announces the return of Hatchlings Winter Lights

Special to the Journal

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy is excited to announce that Hatchlings by interdisciplinary design team Studio HHH have returned in November. Hatchlings, which debuted on The Greenway last winter, provide a playful reference to one of Boston's most iconic landmarks, the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, while envisioning a brighter and more environmentally sustainable future.

Selected as the winning design from the Greenway Conservancy's 2023 Request for Proposals for a Winter Lights Program, Hatchlings was inspired by a whimsical question posed by Studio HHH: What if the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade hatched a cluster of baby "shells" that wandered off down the Charles River Esplanade through The Greenway like adventurous ducklings?

"We loved studying the intricate Art Deco architecture of the Hatch Shell pavilion," said Vanessa Till Hooper, founder and creative director at Studio HHH. "Through the process of working to echo its arches and angles, we discovered many layers of thoughtful design and mathematical elegance. It's a perfect structure, and we are delighted by the opportunity to draw new attention to this beautiful and historic Boston landmark."

Similar to last year's installation, many of the Hatchlings will be powered either entirely through solar power or through a combination of grid and solar power. "Maintaining consistent solar energy throughout the darkest months of the year was a design challenge we were excited to meet, something that our studio felt was critical to advancing the conversation about sustainability in Boston," said Teresita Cochran, solar specialist at Studio HHH.

In total, nine Hatchlings dot The Greenway, each featuring vibrant arches in colorful animated lights. The Hatchlings appear in a variety of sizes, with the largest standing at 8.5 feet tall and the smallest at 2.5 feet tall. Throughout the winter months, the pavilions will serve as sites for informal gatherings, photo

backdrops, and other activations.

We welcome you to join us in celebrating the re-opening of the Hatchlings at The Greenway's Winter Warmer on Saturday, December 21 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Rings Fountain. Come celebrate the Winter Solstice with FREE programming including a hot chocolate bar, holiday toy workshop, bubble house, photo booth, with live music and an instrument petting zoo by Boston Music Project.

Visit rosekennedygreenway.org/hatchlings to find the exact locations of the Hatchlings and to download an interactive walking tour. For more information on upcoming events in connection with the Hatchlings, please check the Greenway Conservancy's events calendar: rosekennedygreenway.org/calendar.

Follow the Hatchlings' winter fun on social media (@rosekennedygreenway) and share your own posts using the hashtag #HatchlingsOnTheGreenway. The Greenway Winter Lights Program is exclusively funded through private sources. Hatchlings by Studio HHH (2023-2024) was made possible through the generous support of Meet Boston.

Studio HHH is an interdisciplinary design studio specializing in creative interventions within the built environment and public realm, led by founder/creative director Vanessa Till Hooper and art production manager Emily Castro. The studio team of all-women designers and artists, including sustainability specialist Teresita Cochran, develops meaningful and engaging experiences at the intersection of art, architecture, and technology. Studio HHH was founded in 2018 in Somerville, MA. They currently operate in Boston, The Berkshires in western MA, and Brooklyn, NY.

The Greenway is a contemporary public park in the heart of Boston. The Greenway welcomes millions of visitors annually to gather, play, unwind, and explore. The Greenway Conservancy is the non-profit responsible for the management and care of The Greenway. The majority of the public park's annual budget is generously provided by private sources.

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things going tomorrow (Thursday) with contests against Greater Boston League rival Everett.

The RHS boys and girls indoor track teams, headed by coaches David Fleming and Racquel MacDonald respectively, will open

their season next Thursday (December 19) with a tri-meet against GBL foes Everett and Medford at the Reggie Lewis Center. All of the GBL's indoor meets this season once again will be held at the Reggie. Each of the eight

GBL schools will compete in three tri-meets and one dual meet.

In addition, they will participate in the usual MSTCA and MIAA state meets throughout the season, the first of which is the MSTCA Winter Festi-

val this weekend.

The RHS swim team, led by new coach Gesar Tsering, will open its season next week, entertaining GBL rivals Somerville (Tuesday) and Medford (Thursday) at the Garfield School pool.

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REVERE COUNCIL HONORS RESIDENTS AT MONDAY NIGHT'S MEETING

Photos by Cary Shuman

During ceremonies Monday night at the City Council Chambers, the Revere City Council honored Firefighter Louis J. Iovine in recognition of his retirement after 39 years of commendable public service at Central Fire Station, Ladder Company 2, protecting and serving the residents of the City of Revere; Lorena Escolero in recognition of her work as the City of Revere's Conservation Agent and Community Development Planner; and Bill Reedy, Tom Sullivan, Tony Capoccia and Lenny Bonasoro in appreciation for their upkeep and continuous maintenance of Rumney Marsh Burying Grounds for the past several years.



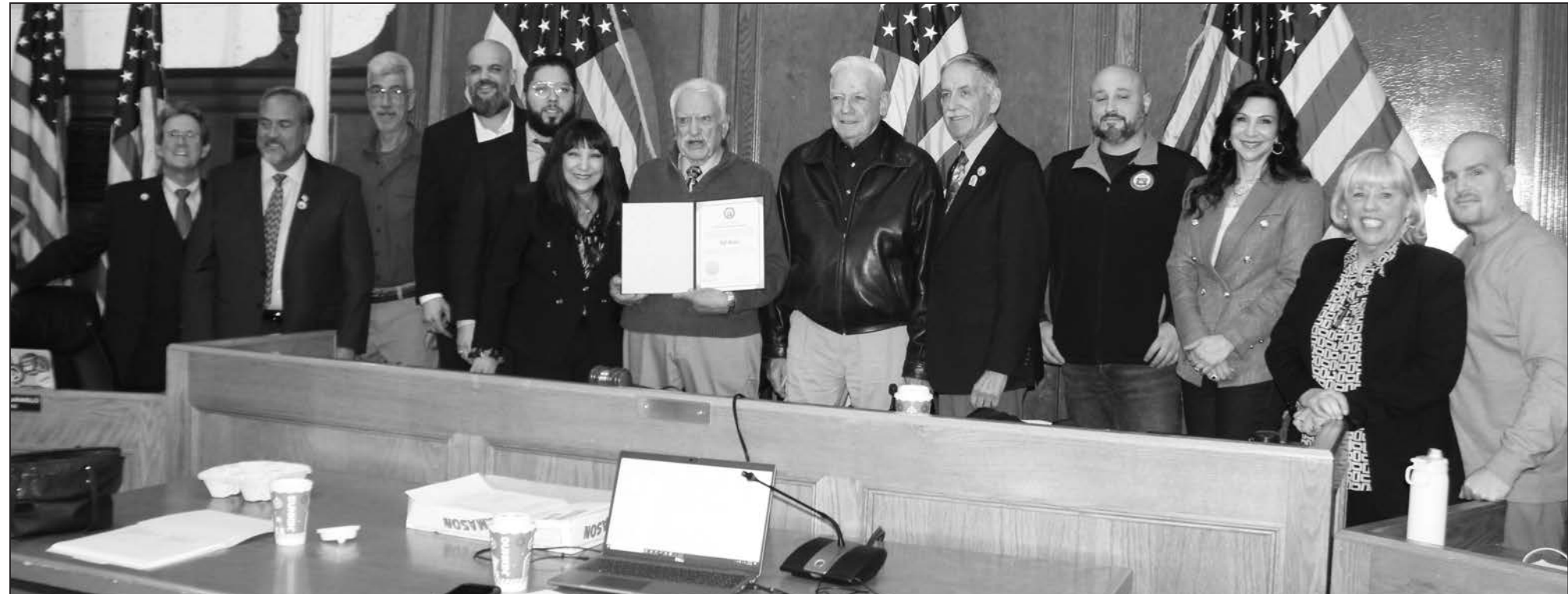
Ward 6 Councillor and retired Revere Police Sergeant Chris Giannino presents a Certificate of Merit to retired Revere Firefighter Louis J. Iovine at the meeting Monday night. City councillors and Mr. Iovine's colleagues in the Fire Department participated in the presentation ceremony.



Ward 6 Councillor Chris Giannino presents a Certificate of Merit to retired Revere Firefighters Louis J. Iovine at the City Council meeting on Monday.



Retired Revere Firefighter Louis J. Iovine proudly displays the Certificate of Merit Award in the company of his wife, Nancy Iovine.



Bill Reedy and Tom Sullivan receive their Certificates of Appreciation for their upkeep and continuous maintenance of the Rumney Marsh Burial Grounds in Revere. City councillors participating in the presentation ceremony, from left, are Anthony Zambuto, Chris Giannino, Bob Haas III, Juan Jaramillo, Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Ira Novoselsky, President Anthony Cogliandro, Michelle Kelley, Joanne McKenna, and Marc Silvestri.



City Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya and Juan Jaramillo present a Certificate of Commendation to Lorena Escolero in recognition of her outstanding work as Conservation Agent and Community Development Planner at the Council meeting Monday night.

The Platters return to the Regent Theatre with acclaimed Very Merry Christmas Show!

Special to the Journal

The Rock n' Roll, Vocal, and Grammy® Halls of Fame culture icons, The Platters® (theplatters.com), defacto members of the Marvel® Cinematic Universe® (MCU) music family, bring their critically acclaimed Very Merry Christmas Show back to The Regent Theatre, 7 Medford Street in Arlington for one show only on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

The Platters, founded and named by Herb Reed in the mid-50s, continues today with Lance Bernard Bryant, Omar Ross, Jovi-

an K. Ford, and Brittney Nicole Bellamy. Collectively, they lend their harmonically smooth voices to taking audiences on a festive holiday-themed soiree via a magical, interactive, sonic-driven sleigh ride fueled by music from across the decades. The Platters weave many of their major evergreen hits, including "The Great Pretender," "My Prayer," and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," together with family fun holiday classics geared toward a night of joyful memories and family fun accompanied by their band Sonic Evolution.

At the invitation of former East Boston and Revere native Frederick J. Balboni, Jr. (bcg-hre.com), the successor to Herb Reed, asked Everett Public Schools national award-winning Music Director Gene O'Brien to join the group on stage during their only Boston area date. Accepting the invitation, Everett High School choral director Corey Crofoot was tasked by O'Brien to create an all-inclusive school and community choir to showcase the diverse talents of the students of the performing arts community. Members of the

choir from the First Parish in Lexington will also join the choral ensemble. According to Balboni, Jr., Reed's hand-picked, direct successor and international keeper of his legacy, "We look forward to involving talented students and community members to come together and share the stage with us to showcase their talents. It helps us entertain the greater community so they can take time out of their busy lives to enjoy the season's spirit." He continued, "Our family show will have plenty of surprises, including a special guest appearance by

Santa himself. Winthrop-based classic rock and soul group

Smokin' Joe and The Henchmen will open the holiday show.



Left to right, Jovian Ford, Omar Ross, Brittney Nicole Bellamy, Lance Bernard Bryant

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ALL-CLASS HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The Thanksgiving Holiday is a perfect time for class reunions, with family returning to their roots and coming home to visit, or for those who still live in the surrounding area to gather for a night of remembrance.

together an all-class party at the marina at the Wharf Restaurant, a well-known establishment for great food and accommodating large groups of people. The classmates from the multiple graduating years all enjoyed the evening, getting a chance to catch up with friends, and make new ones.

The Immaculate Conception High School Reunion Committee put to-



Cheryl D'Amore and Kathy Doyle.



Donna Doherty-Maotta, Mary Gesamondo-DeMaina, Anita Gesamondo.



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Chet Bernaid and Joe Lake at the Immaculate Conception High School Reunion.



Cindy Powers, Denise Oldoni-Lake, and Geri Duffy.



Janice Caggiano-Erlandson, Dottie Kirby-Foley, Audrey Mottola, and Steve and Kathy Concilio.



Jim O'Donnell, Maryann McNeil, John Steriti, and Phil Ciampa.



The ICHS Reunion Committee, Carman Makarewicz, Laurel Citino, Bill Burton, Elaine Mottola, Patty Grayson, Joni Murphy-Marks, Patti Aucella, and Linda Jedrey.



Dan Maguire, Terence and Stephen Reardon at the Wharf.



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REVERE Through the Years

10 years ago December 9, 2014

The School Committee and Supt. Paul Dakin have worked out a succession plan that would have the popular superintendent of schools retiring next December. A new superintendent would likely be picked and put in place next fall, prior to Dakin's departure. The School Committee has been working on the plan since last April to come up with an idea of how they would go about making the transition from Dakin to a new superintendent. Dakin came into the position more than 10 years ago. Before that, he was Assistant Superintendent under Carol Tye.

The number of abandoned dogs in the city is reaching epidemic levels, according to Lisa Cutting of Ocean View Kennels, which takes in stray and surrendered animals for the City of Revere -- and that's on top of the two puppies that recently were found dead in a trash bag behind a gas station on North Shore Road. "We've had 10 dogs in 13 days," said Cutting. "We're getting way more than ever before and they're coming to us in much worse condition too."

American Sniper and Into the Woods are playing at the Revere Show-

case Cinemas.

20 years ago December 15, 2004

Revere Fire Chief Gene Doherty and firefighter Ken McDonald were among a handful of firefighters from across the state who were honored as Firefighters of the Year at ceremonies held in Faneuil Hall. Gov. Mitt Romney and Lieut. Gov. Kerry Healey presented the prestigious awards. Doherty came upon the scene of a panicked mother whose 14 year old daughter had swum out too far at Revere Beach and jumped into the water in his street clothes. McDonald arrived minutes later and swam out to join Doherty in rescuing the girl.

Breaks into automobiles have increased alarmingly in the city, with 31 automobile crimes reported across Revere in the past week alone.

The annual Robert Marra Sounds of Christmas Concert at St. Anthony's Church is set for this Sunday. The concert is free, but attendees are asked to bring a donation for the Revere Food Pantry.

A lone gunman held up the Getty Gas Station on American Legion Highway at the 9 p.m. closing time,

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at

Revere City Hall this past week.

Well-known Boston radio personality David Brudnoy passed away this week.

Ocean's Twelve, Finding Neverland, and The Polar Express are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago December 12, 1984

Mayor George V. Colella has announced that he will be suspending promotions in the Revere Police Dept. pending the outcome of an investigation into reports that Revere police officers may have had access to a test for sergeant before taking the exam. According to a story by the Boston Globe Spotlight Team based on information leaked by local attorney Leonard Pass, five of the top eight scores of 661 police officers who took the exam came from Revere. One Revere officer said that two of his fellow officers turned in their exam books within 45 minutes. Seven of 13 Revere police officers -- more than 50 percent -- who took the exam scored above 90 percent, compared to just five percent of the test-takers across the rest of the state.

The School Committee learned that it must find a way to address a \$118,000

budget deficit for the current fiscal year.

The Cotton Club, Dune, and Beverly Hills Cop are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago December 11, 1974

Another full-scale political war in the city appears to be looming with the chief combatants being Mayor William G. Reinsteiner and City Councilors George V. Colella and Louis H. Ciarlone, with the issue once again being work at the new Revere High School. This time it concerns a contract for \$49,000 that has spiraled to \$120,000 for engineering work to connect the equipment in the library, science, and home economics rooms.

The School Committee has voted to include a swimming pool as part of the proposed \$6 million new middle school.

Ralph Milano, the well-known and long-time pharmacist at the City Hall Pharmacy at 311 Broadway, passed away suddenly at his home in Everett over the weekend. He was 69.

Revere native Robert W. Earley is the project manager for the reconditioning of the U.S.S. Constitution in time for the bicentennial celebration of 1976 when one million

visitors are expected to come to Boston, many of whom will visit Old Ironsides.

The MDC has unveiled a master plan that calls for 200 acres of marshland in the Beachmont Belle Isle Creek area to be purchased by the MDC, which then will be named the Belle Isle Reservation.

A capacity crowd of 1600 persons enjoyed the senior citizen minstrel show, Golden Reflections, in the RHS auditorium Sunday and Monday nights.

The Revere Elks will hold their 24th annual Charity Ball this weekend and then will distribute Christmas baskets to needy families.

The Trial of Billy Jack is playing at the Kincade Cinema in Winthrop.

60 years ago December 17, 1964

The City Council voted down a motion that would have made the chairman of the Licensing Board a full-time position.

A group of 59 coal residents attended a meeting to study the recent anti-poverty bill signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson to determine how best to use the anticipated federal funds to combat poverty locally.

Three local residents have been indicted by a

grand jury for conspiring to obstruct a public footpath on Beachmont Ave by their construction of a fence to deny public access to Pebble Beach. The residents are abutters of the footpath who have claimed that they own the property and that the public has no right of access to use it to get to the beach.

The local Order of Moose held a Christmas party for 85 disabled children in the Moose Hall.

A case of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer is \$3.47 at Northgate Liquors.

The RHS football team will be canvassing the city this week in hopes of raising \$10,000 so that the undefeated gridmen can go to Miami over New Year's and attend the Orange Bowl football game between Alabama and Texas for the national championship.

Sophia Loren and Marcella Mastroianni star in Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow at the Revere Drive In. Elvis Presley stars in Viva Las Vegas at the Strand.

70 years ago December 17, 1954

Police arrested three youths from Medford, the North End, and the West End, ages 16-18, within 12 hours of their murder of 72 year-old gasoline station proprietor Harry

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Climate Bill //

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in the Commonwealth," said State Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D-Winthrop).

"This legislation is a significant step forward as Massachusetts continues working toward our net-zero goals," said State Representative Jessica Ann Giannino (D-Revere). "It addresses pressing energy and climate challenges by modernizing the state's energy grid and expanding clean energy generation. I'm proud to support this comprehensive bill and grateful for Speaker Mariano's leadership in advancing it."

Together, the policies transform the future of energy generation, distribution, and consumption in Massachusetts. Major components of the legislation include

Expedited siting and permitting. The bill consolidates reviews of clean energy siting and permitting, which will speed the pace of planning, constructing, and bringing clean energy infrastructure online to support clean energy technologies such as solar, wind, and storage to create an electrified future and reduce emissions.

Large projects that require state, regional, and local permits will be consolidated into a single permit that requires action within 15 months. Small projects with multiple local permits will also be consolidated into a single permit and require action within 12 months. Each process is modeled on the work of a commission established by the Healey-Driscoll Administration that received extensive feedback from a diverse group of stakeholders.

Expedited permitting is paired with enhanced community review via new offices created by the bill, including the Office of Environmental Justice and Equity, the Office of Public Participation at the Energy Facilities Siting Board, and the Division

of Siting and Permitting at the Department of Energy Resources. Each office will be charged with engaging with and providing resources to communities and applicants to ensure a thorough, equitable and community-centered review.

To help protect residents from bearing the cost of building new infrastructure, when possible, the state will require the Energy Facilities Siting Board to first consider maximizing the efficiency of current infrastructure through the use of innovative technologies such as advanced transmission technologies or grid-enhancing technologies before approving new construction. An online clean energy infrastructure dashboard will also be created to promote transparency and public accountability in real time.

Protecting residents from high costs. By pairing lower rates for low- and middle-income consumers with cost-saving infrastructure changes, the legislation protects Massachusetts residents from paying more for electricity.

The bill incentivizes gas companies to pursue the expansion of climate- and cost-friendly networked heat pump systems and geothermal heating, modeled on successful pilots already underway in Framingham and Lowell. It does this by directing the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to consider greenhouse gas impacts when it weighs a petition by a gas company to expand its territory, reigning in a mandate that historically offered preferential treatment to natural gas infrastructure over other methods of heating. The legislation also saves residents money by considering climate-friendly alternatives to leak-prone pipes instead of automatically replacing them with new natural gas pipes.

To ensure gas workers are protected as reforms to

gas distribution system are undertaken, the bill establishes a special legislative commission to study the impacts of the energy transition and decarbonization on the current fossil fuel workforce. The bill further directs utility providers to offer lower rates to eligible low-income and moderate-income utility consumers.

Building out electric vehicle infrastructure. Expanding electric vehicle (EV) use and making it easier to charge a vehicle is crucial to reducing emissions, so this legislation expands the availability of charging stations. Along with making pole-mounted charger installation easier on streets and in parking lots, the bill centralizes statewide coordination of charger installation via the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordinating Council (EVICC). The EVICC will also be responsible for identifying sites for a statewide network of fast charging hubs along Massachusetts highways and major roadways, as well as forecasting EV charging demand and determining its impact on the electric distribution grid over the next ten years. It further removes EV charger installation restrictions for residents who own parcels within condominiums, homeowner associations, and historic districts, and authorizes condo boards to install EV chargers on community parcels.

The legislation extends the MOR-EV program through 2027, giving residents more opportunities to qualify for a \$3,500 to \$6,000 rebate for the purchase of qualifying new or used electric vehicles. It also makes it easier for cities and towns to procure electric school vehicles—including electric school buses—and EV charging equipment for municipalities. The bill also seeks to dispel misinformation about electric vehicle and electric battery storage

safety risks by requiring state guidance on the public health, safety, and environmental impacts of these technologies.

Fusion Energy and Battery Storage. The legislation makes Massachusetts the first state in the nation to add fusion energy to the list of Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) Class I renewable energy generating sources, positioning the Commonwealth to be in a strategically beneficial position as fusion energy becomes commercially viable. Additionally, it sets a 5,000 MW energy storage procurement to back up intermittent clean energy resources such as solar and wind. It also authorizes DOER to coordinate with other New England states to consider competitive solicitations for long-term clean energy generation, including existing nuclear generation, for the benefit of the Commonwealth and the region.

Offshore Wind. To support the growing offshore wind industry that will provide clean power and new jobs, the legislation allows future offshore wind contracts to be set for terms of 15 to 30 years instead of the previous 20 year maximum. It also directs the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to review the effectiveness of existing solicitations in contributing to state emissions requirements and to ensuring high labor standards in clean energy, including offshore wind, clean energy generation, and storage procurements.

It further requires DOER, in consultation with DPU and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC), to issue guidance on long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs) between offshore wind developers and municipalities, including approved aggregation plans. The bill also expands existing tax credits for offshore wind facil-

ity employers, who now only need 50 full-time employees to be eligible for tax credits and refundable credits for capital investment.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure. As demand on the electrical grid increases with the adoption of electric vehicles and heat pumps, advanced metering infrastructure (AMI)—including smart meters, communications networks and data management systems—will enable efficient grid management and improved resiliency.

This legislation supports the rollout of these crucial technologies by requiring the utilities deploying them to create a centralized data repository to provide access to detailed AMI customer data, subject to customer approval. It also authorizes DPU to provide cost recovery for necessary expenses incurred by utilities in AMI implementation. It further maintains consumer protections by establishing an opt-out option for electric customers.

These changes will help companies and individuals use their devices more efficiently and provide real-time data to the grid, allowing for greater flexibility. The legislation also allows customers to install EV chargers or heat pumps without triggering the need for expensive electrical upgrades by authorizing the installation of meter socket adapters to effectively manage increased load.

Solar Energy. This bill establishes new policies to facilitate the deployment of solar energy through updates to historic district laws, providing policy recommendations through a solar canopy working group, and requiring DPU to explore expanding access to net crediting. It also expands affordability and access for low-income customers in the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) program

and authorizes the transfer of SMART solar credits to customers in any electric utility territory.

Decarbonizing buildings. Because buildings across the state continue to be a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, this legislation advances efforts to decarbonize them. It authorizes condo association boards to install energy efficiency devices and EV chargers in common areas and increases the efficiency of heat pumps by allowing installers to use the most up-to-date refrigerants.

Supporting lean technology and innovation. To ensure that the next generation of technology is built in Massachusetts, the legislation will expand support to the state's innovators. The legislation does this by expanding the purview of MassCEC to include carbon removal, embodied carbon reduction, and nuclear power. MassCEC is also directed to promote carbon removal and embodied carbon activities, and study opportunities for future carbon removal.

Leading by example. The legislation directs the state to analyze its own climate impacts and how state infrastructure can be more climate friendly. It directs the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) to evaluate the climate impacts of state buildings and seek options for emissions reductions, and directs Massport to prioritize reducing emissions while pursuing commerce and growth. It also expands the mission of the Board of Building Regulations and Standards to include reducing emissions and embodied carbon.

Having passed both chambers of the Legislature, the measure will now be sent to the Governor's desk for her signature.

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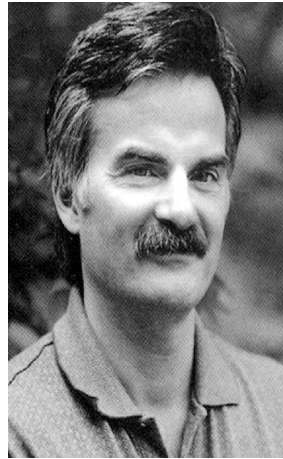
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AUTO INSURANCE

A two-way street

The better your driving record, the more favorable your rates

BY SETH DANIEL
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The state released its annual auto insurance rates for 2005 last week, and included a slight revamping of the system that could be either good or bad - depending on how well you drive.

The average rate statewide was set at \$1,063.19 this year, which is \$16.15 less than last year's rate. Revere residents, being in a more urban area with higher risk, typically pay around \$1,200 for auto insurance. The key this year to saving money or getting gouged will be each individual's driving record.

"For far too long, we've not given our poorer drivers the necessary financial incentives to improve," said Chris Goetcheus, a spokesman for the state Division of Insurance. "The Governor has said all along that good and experienced drivers should get a break and poorer drivers should pay more of their fair share...We hope these changes will do that and change the way people

drive. You hit them in the wallet and it tends to change habits."

Locally, most agencies are waiting for the first of the year to see what will happen and throwing around opinions about their impact on the local market.

"We really don't think it's going

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BANKING ON A GREAT CHRISTMAS



RICH BAILLIE PHOTO

Mykaya McGowan and Juliana DeLarossa visit with Santa (Ivan Viera) during the Christmas party thrown by the Danvers Savings Bank at its branch on Broadway in Revere. More photos, Page 4.

THE HOLIDAYS

Is real a deal?

Weighing the merits of real and artificial Christmas trees

BY SETH DANIEL
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The old debate of wood products (that being paper) vs. plastic products has moved beyond shopping bags in the supermarket and into the living rooms of those celebrating Christmas.

For years, the debate has raged about whether to get

a real Christmas tree or an artificial (usually PVC) tree. In the minds of many, the real tree provides a spirit that touches on the traditional, and most say it is the

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Edgar Tejada (right) of the Revere Flower Market, in front of one of his bigger trees.



CITY COUNCIL

Capitol gains

Meet the city's new trash contractor

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

What seemed like a sure thing for the city's current trash contractor - BFI - has turned into a lost contract for the company.

After fighting the owners of Capitol Waste Systems for years over a proposed trash transfer station on Railroad Avenue, the city has turned around and awarded them the lucrative trash contract - as they were the most qualified bidder with the lowest bid, beating out BFI by over \$100,000.

The bid was put out in early December and Purchasing Agent Marie Zelandi opened the bids last Tuesday, Dec. 14. The three bidders were BFI, Waste Management and Capitol. Waste Management was immediately blacklisted due to the fact that they did such a poor job when they held the trash contract from 1998 through 2000.

That left BFI and Capitol.

The city fought a legal battle with a subsidiary of Capitol - EZ Disposal/Ric-Mer - over a proposed trash transfer station and eventually won, although amassing over \$500,000 in legal fees. More recently, the city also engaged in a zoning and land use battle with the company - headed by Joe Recupero of Newhall Street and Michael Merullo of Eastie - over the same Railroad Street property. In the end, an agreement was hammered out allowing Capitol to store empty trash trucks and empty waste containers/dumpsters on the property, with city fines being slightly reduced and used to refurbish the Harry Della Russo field. Despite all that, the mayor said there were no hard feelings.

"Business is business," he told the Journal. "I have a fiduciary responsibility and I don't think I can justify turning down a bid that is so much lower. I checked out Chelsea and Everett, where they also have contracts, and even called Haverhill, and everyone was happy with them."

Capitol bid \$1,456,783 for the contract, while BFI bid around \$1.63 million. Those figures are for one year, though the contract is a three-year deal. The figure includes regular trash pickup, recycling, pickup of white goods and seasonal curbside yard waste pickup.

When the contract went out to bid, most city officials thought - or at least pretended very well - it was a done deal for BFI, which

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This year, we'll be taking a weekly journey through the pivotal headlines of 2004, revisiting the year's most significant events. Join us as we explore these historic moments, one week at a time.

Abelovitz during a hold-up of his station at 1781 No. Shore Rd. Wednesday night. Although the trio reportedly bragged about their foul deed shortly after it happened, all three were shorn of their bravado and swagger at their arraignment in Chelsea District Court the next morning. More than 400 persons attended the funeral services for Abelovitz at which Rabbi Harry Landes deplored juvenile delinquency. The City Council took the unprecedented action of rejecting the promotion of Fire Dept. Captain Al-

fred H. Long of 23 Sewall St. to the rank of Deputy Chief which had been put forward by Acting City Manager Clarence Borden. Borden had been named Acting City Manager by the council in the absence of City Manager Edward P. O'Toole, who is at a convention, but City Councillor Harry Della Russo said that Borden lacks the authority to make such an appointment. Santa will make an appearance when he arrives at the Revere Airport on Saturday via an airplane, from where he will step into an open car and lead

a parade through the city's streets. The Revere Post American Legion has announced that Roy Cohn, legal counsel to Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy during the recent Army-McCarthy televised Senate hearings, will be the guest speaker when the Legion holds its kickoff banquet for the coming year at the Beachview Ballroom. It is the first time in recent memory that someone of Cohn's stature will speak in Revere. Amerino Christopher, 57, became the city's second traffic fatality this year when he was struck

by an automobile as he was crossing Malden St. Thursday evening. Franklin Park, described by residents as a village within the city, is still a place where residents must trek to the living room of Mrs. Edna May Hansen, who serves as the postmistress for the area's mail delivery, to pick up their mail. Ginger Rogers, Van Heffin, and Gene Tierney star in Black Widow at the Revere Theatre. **80 years ago December 14, 1944** The most tragic week

of the war for Revere occurred this week with news from the War Dept. of the deaths of seven Revere soldiers who were killed in action. The six who were killed in the European theatre are: First Lieut. B. Howard Wodell, 34, who is survived by a five month-old daughter he has never seen; Pfc. Kenneth J. Patenaude, 19; Pvt. Joseph I. Mottolo, 21; Pfc. James L. Brandano, 22; T/Sgt. Frank J. Alvino, 25; and Pvt. Thomas DeSisto, 20. Pvt. Peter J. DiStasio, 25, died in action against the Japanese in the battle of Leyte.

The news of DiStasio's death was especially cruel for former Councilman and Mrs. Samuel DiStasio, who only two weeks ago were informed of the death of their son, Arthur, 19, who was killed in action in Germany. Another Revere soldier, Pvt. John Buonopane, 21, has been reported as missing in action in Germany as of November 17. His family and friends are hoping that he is a prisoner of war. Roy Rogers and Trigger star in The Yellow Rose of Texas at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

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sale of the property in trust for the benefit of Eugene Benoit and grant such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on January 30, 2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 29, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate
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Date: December 04, 2024
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
MEPA Office
100 Cambridge St., Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114
Telephone 617-626-1020
PUBLIC NOTICE TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ) COMMUNITIES
PROJECT: Mill Creek Habitat & Waterfront Access Improvement Project
LOCATION: Along Mill Creek in Chelsea and Revere, MA between 1005 Broadway and Mill Court
PROPOSER: City of Chelsea
Per Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Environmental Notification Form/Environmental Impact Report and submittal requirements for the above-mentioned project, all environmental justice communities must be notified within one mile of the project area adjacent to the project site. The proposed Mill Creek Habitat & Waterfront Access Improvement Project aims to enhance ecological conditions while improving public access along Mill Creek, a tidal river in Chelsea and Revere, MA. Key components of the proposed project include invasive species treatment followed by native coastal bank plantings to support habitat enhancement. The project also includes cleanup of trash and debris along the banks of the creek, and stabilization of the southern shoreline through grading, cobble nourishment, live stakes, and vegetated walls. Partial removal of Slade's Mill Dam, an earthen berm, is also proposed to increase channel width to facilitate safe kayak passage in this area. Additionally, a boardwalk is proposed to be constructed along the southern bank of Mill Creek from 1005 Broadway to 88 Clinton Street. The MEPA submittal is anticipated to be filed in January or February 2025. For questions regarding this project, please reach out to Kristen Homeyer, Resilience Manager at khomeyer@chelseama.gov or (617) 466-4196 or Rhianna Sommers with Weston & Sampson at 978-548-6251 or by email: sommers.rhianna@wseinc.com between the hours of Mon-Fri 8AM - 4 PM. By City of Chelsea
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 24 SM 004125 ORDER OF NOTICE
To: Sean Conley AKA Sean D. Conley and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq); Santander Bank, N.A., claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Revere, numbered 20 Irving Street, given by Sean Conley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Santander Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns, dated November 29, 2016, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 57185, Page 311, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq) U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Revere, numbered 71 Pitcairn Street, given by Roy Bosell and Claude R. Thompson to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for Castle Point Mortgage, Inc., "Lender"; and its successors and assigns, dated May 20, 2004, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 34690, Page 30, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then

above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 01/06/2025 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 11/22/2024
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
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order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R. Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B. Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action. It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before January 23, 2025. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Date: 10/1/2024 Honorable Judge Elizabeth Teixeira Justice of Probate and Family Court
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LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING FEDERAL ANNUAL AND 5 YEAR PLAN 2025
To: Anthony Perrone, Chairman
Fatou Drammeh, Vice Chairperson
Richard Viscay, Treasurer
Kathy Reinstein, State Appointee
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 39 of the General Laws that the Public Hearing Federal Annual and 5 Year Plan 2025 Meeting of the Revere Housing Authority will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Revere Housing Authority 70 Cooledge Street, Revere, MA 02151.
REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY
By: Dean Harris Executive Director
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LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P1556EA Estate of: David C. McConnell, Jr.
Date of Death 06/08/2022
To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Bernadette M. Dean of Plymouth, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Bernadette M. Dean of Plymouth, MA and Tia L. McConnell of Plymouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner

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PUBLIC HEARING FY 2026 STATE ANNUAL PLAN
To: Anthony Perrone, Chairman
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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 39 of the General Laws that the Public Hearing FY 2026 State Annual Plan Meeting of the Revere Housing Authority will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. at Revere Housing Authority 70 Cooledge Street, Revere, MA 02151.
REVERE HOUSING AUTHORITY
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LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 24 SM 004117 ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: The Heirs, devisees or Legal Representatives of the Estate of Claude R. Thompson a/k/a Claude Randall Thompson Nelson Phillip Rutillo Martinez Allasandra Thompson Marissa Vaquerano

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REVERE HISTORY MUSEUM HOLIDAY GATHERING

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Revere Society for Cultural & Historical Preservation (RSCHP) held its

annual Holiday Gathering on Dec. 8, with a presentation of a plaque in honor of Edward A. Sasso, who served the Revere Police

Department from 1963-1987 as a sergeant, lieutenant, and captain. Guests explored the newly renovated exhibition rooms,

and had the opportunity to purchase this year's ornament illustrating the iconic Revere Beach attraction, Bluebeard's Palace.



Lucille Sasso, Elaine Sasso Marino, and Lee Sasso, holding the plaque in honor of Edward A. Sasso.



Joyce DiNuccio, presenting a plaque in honor of Edward A. Sasso, whose family made a donation to the Revere History Museum in his name.



Friends gathering in the Revere History Museum for the annual Holiday Gathering on December 8.



Brendan O'Brien, Revere History Museum President, with his family, Mina, Janelle, Bill, and Linda O'Brien.



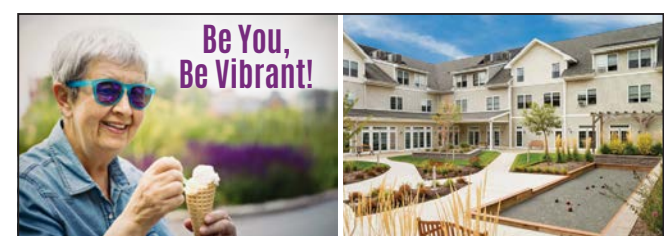
Councilor Ira Novoselsky, Tom DiNuccio, Lee Sasso, Representative Jeff Turco, Rose Napolitano, Richie and RoseLee Vincent, and Joyce DiNuccio.



Jenn and John Cutillo, a lifelong resident of Revere, viewing Revere Public Library memorabilia.



Tatiana Mesa with her family, Reynaldo, Sophia, 5, and Isabela Arias, 3.



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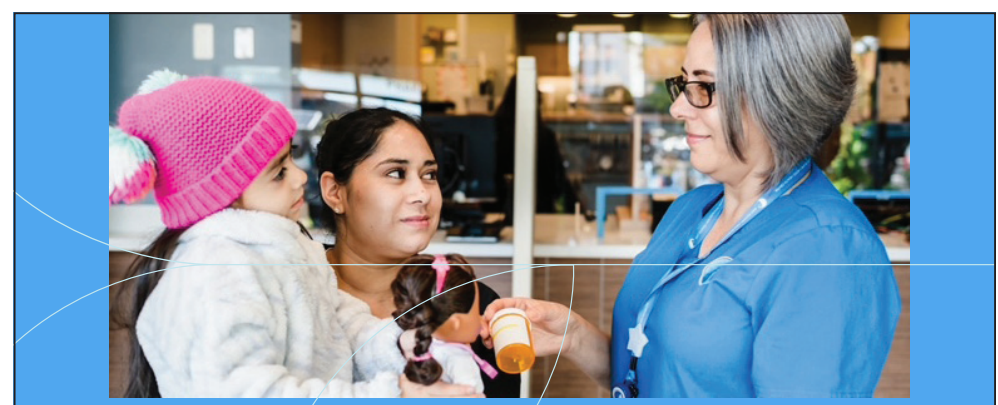


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